

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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THE LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

10:30AM

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:11



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Welcome to Good Shepherd! Thank you for joining us today. If this is your first time with us, we're glad you are here and we hope that you will come back again. Usually it takes more than one Sunday to get a sense of what God is doing at GS and the benefits that we receive from our worship and fellowship each week.

Our desire is to join God on mission by producing mature followers of Jesus Christ for His glory and our joy. We are a multi-generational congregation worshipping according to Scripture in a contemporary style, gathering as one body on Sunday mornings and in small groups throughout Florence during the week, and introducing more people to the life-giving community of the local church.

As you exit the sanctuary, the restrooms are on the right, and to the left past the coffee and water is our Information Center. There you can find a variety of theological and counseling-related booklets that are free for you to take, either for yourself or someone else.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to scan the QR below and fill out our Connect Card. We would love to know that you were here and how we might pray for or serve you. You can also join our mailing list to receive the Worship Guide each week and stay up-to-date on what is happening at Good Shepherd.

Children are welcome and encouraged to stay in the worship service, but if your little one has trouble settling, we have a couple options for you. Childcare is available for children ages 4 and under. You may check-in your child downstairs, where you will be given a sticker with a number corresponding to the number your child receives. There is a screen to the right of the stage that will display your child's number if those serving in childcare need you to attend to your child. Just ring the doorbell and show the childcare worker your sticker and they will let you in.

Also, you can take advantage of our Worship Training Room located downstairs. It has a live feed of the service along with a play area. In addition, a private area for nursing mothers is available in the back of the Worship Training Room.

Maybe you've wondered, "What is the P.C.A.?" The Presbyterian Church in America is an evangelical denomination of churches formed in 1973 with the goal of proclaiming the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and adhering to the system of biblical doctrine proclaimed during the Protestant Reformation. You can learn more about the P.C.A. at pcanet.org.

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CONNECT CARD

Please scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone to complete.



Call to Worship
Psalm 134:1-2

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

chorus

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

chorus

CCLI Song #14181

Confessing Our Sins Together

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In Your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but You are the substance; that they are shifting, but You are the anchor. We plead Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness. In His name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

Throughout Scripture, we see examples of God calling His people to publicly worship Him together. It is God who calls us to worship Him on the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10), the day of Jesus' resurrection, the first day of the week. Along with God's call to worship, we "invoke" or appeal to God to minister to us in worship.

In 1 John 1:9 we learn that confession (acknowledging our sin) and repentance (turning from our sin) go hand in hand. Also, God assures us that those who have saving faith in Jesus Christ are forgiven of all sins - past, present, and future. (Hebrews 10:14)

*Tim Bell - Vocals, Guitar
Mark Rooze - Cello
Hayden Bell - Drums
Sean Cauley - Bass*

"Catechize" means "to teach." The Larger Catechism summarizes the teachings of Scripture. It was created in the 1640s in England to teach the principles of Christianity and help churches and families align their beliefs and practices with the Bible. It is a wonderful help in family or personal daily worship.

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace ***Galatians 4:4–7***

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Proclaiming What We Believe ***Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 52***

Q. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A. Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, (of which it was not possible for him to be held,) and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof, (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life,) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

Song of Adoration

Father, Long Before Creation

Chinese hymn (trans. Francis P. Jones), Jonathan Barnes

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone!

Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name!

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave!

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing

'Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb!

Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb!

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The Reading of the Scriptures *Job 17*

Mr. Tim Bell, Ruling Elder

*1 Timothy 4:13 states,
"...devote yourself to
the public reading of
Scripture, to preaching
and to teaching."*

- [1] "My spirit is broken; my days are extinct;
the graveyard is ready for me.
- [2] Surely there are mockers about me,
and my eye dwells on their provocation.
- [3] "Lay down a pledge for me with you;
who is there who will put up security for me?
- [4] Since you have closed their hearts to understanding,
therefore you will not let them triumph.
- [5] He who informs against his friends to get a share of their
property—the eyes of his children will fail.
- [6] "He has made me a byword of the peoples,
and I am one before whom men spit.
- [7] My eye has grown dim from vexation,
and all my members are like a shadow.
- [8] The upright are appalled at this,
and the innocent stirs himself up against the godless.
- [9] Yet the righteous holds to his way,
and he who has clean hands grows stronger and stronger.
- [10] But you, come on again, all of you,
and I shall not find a wise man among you.
- [11] My days are past; my plans are broken off,
the desires of my heart.
- [12] They make night into day:
'The light,' they say, 'is near to the darkness.'
- [13] If I hope for Sheol as my house,
if I make my bed in darkness,
- [14] if I say to the pit, 'You are my father,'
and to the worm, 'My mother,' or 'My sister,'
- [15] where then is my hope?
Who will see my hope?
- [16] Will it go down to the bars of Sheol?
Shall we descend together into the dust?"

Pastoral Prayer

In accordance with 1 Timothy 2:1, prayer is an integral part of our worship service. Please join in by silently agreeing.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

[29] When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. [30] For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. [31] The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. [32] The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

The Substance of the Signs
Luke 11:29-32

1. We must realize that the substance of the biblical signs is greater than the signs themselves.

2. We must receive and rest on Christ alone, who is the substance of the biblical signs and greater than the signs themselves.

Song of Response

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matthew Boswell, Matthew Papa

Christ the sure and steady anchor / In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me / And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow / When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor / It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor / While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle / And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor / Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor / It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor / Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul now / Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance / See His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor / It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor / As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory / As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon / Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better / For the storms that we endured

Christ the shore of our salvation / Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor / It shall never be removed

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Closing prayer

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

GS WEEKLY

- Mon, Oct 13 *Youth Prayer Breakfast, 7:00-7:45am at the Cabin.*
- Wed, Oct 15 *Youth Bible Study and Games, 6:00-7:30pm in the Cabin.* Bring your own dinner.
- Sun, Oct 19 *Prayer Gathering and Bible Study in the Sanctuary, 9:15-10:10am.
Kids and Youth Sunday Morning Bible Studies, 9:15-10:15am.
Worship Service, 10:30am.*
- Wed, Oct 22 *Women's Fall Bible Study, 6:00-7:30pm at the home of Adele Weatherford
(809 Juanita Dr.).* See below for more details.
- Thurs, Oct 23 *Men's Dinner, 6:30-8:00pm in the Cabin.* Men and teenage boys, join us for dinner as Pastor Stacey speaks to our men from God's Word. Visitors are welcome!
- Sun, Nov 9 *Church-wide Cookout, 5:00-7:00pm.*

STUDYING 1 CORINTHIANS IN SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The adult Sunday Morning Bible Study class has begun to explore 1 Corinthians. Written by the apostle Paul to a young church that he planted only a few years earlier, so many theological questions and practical issues are addressed in the letter, and we will work our way through it all. We begin with our time of prayer in small groups, followed by the teaching and discussion of God's Word. Join us next Sunday at 9:15am!

LIFE GROUPS HAVE BEGUN

GS Life Groups were started to accelerate opportunities to build relationships beyond the Sunday morning worship service and to multiply our efforts in prayer together. During these times, our concern for one another is deepened, an environment is provided for our friendships to grow, we have fun in fellowship together, and we find a place to share about our lives and ask for prayer.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS IN OCTOBER

The women of GS have begun their study of Colossians: At His Feet Studies by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon. The next meeting is October 22, 6:00–7:30pm at the home of Adele Weatherford (809 Juanita Dr.). Coffee and dessert provided. Books are available at no charge in the lobby; sign up in the lobby as well. **Dates planned to meet: Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25, and March 11 & 25.** Come and join us as we study God's Word together!

ITEMS FOR HOMELESS BAGS

There is a sign-up in the lobby with a list of items needed to put together bags for those who are homeless. Feel free to sign up for one, two or more items. You can bring them and leave them in the lobby. The young girls and ladies of all ages will put them together at a later date.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

There are many ways to participate in this act of worship. You can place an offering in the box at the back of the sanctuary before or after worship, visit our website, use the QR code to the right, use our app, or visit gsflo.churchcenter.com/giving.

