

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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

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Call to Worship
Psalm 66:4-5

Rev. Stacey Severance

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.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Unknown

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray

chorus

***O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy***

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

chorus

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."

chorus

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks afeeding in tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the blessed Babe to find

chorus

CCLI Song #39441

Confessing Our Sins Together
Based on Job 42:2-6

Great triune God, I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You; therefore I despise myself, and repent.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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)

Musicians

*Tim Bell
Alanna Scott
Mark Rooze
Hayden Bell
Lydia Langley*

"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.

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

Proclaiming What We Believe

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 34

Q. How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?

A. The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament, by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover, and other types and ordinances, which did all foreshadow Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.

Song of Adoration

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Carol Tornquist, Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free!
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee!
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art!
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart!

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King!
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring!
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone!
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne!

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The Reading of the Scriptures

Job 24

Mr. Andy McInville, Ruling Elder

- [1] "Why are not times of judgment kept by the Almighty,
and why do those who know him never see his days?
- [2] Some move landmarks;
they seize flocks and pasture them.
- [3] They drive away the donkey of the fatherless;
they take the widow's ox for a pledge.
- [4] They thrust the poor off the road;
the poor of the earth all hide themselves.
- [5] Behold, like wild donkeys in the desert
the poor go out to their toil, seeking game;
the wasteland yields food for their children.
- [6] They gather their fodder in the field,
and they glean the vineyard of the wicked man.
- [7] They lie all night naked, without clothing,
and have no covering in the cold.
- [8] They are wet with the rain of the mountains
and cling to the rock for lack of shelter.
- [9] (There are those who snatch the fatherless child from
the breast, and they take a pledge against the poor.)
- [10] They go about naked, without clothing;

- hungry, they carry the sheaves;
[11] among the olive rows of the wicked they make oil;
they tread the winepresses, but suffer thirst.
[12] From out of the city the dying groan,
and the soul of the wounded cries for help;
yet God charges no one with wrong.
- [13] "There are those who rebel against the light,
who are not acquainted with its ways,
and do not stay in its paths.
[14] The murderer rises before it is light,
that he may kill the poor and needy,
and in the night he is like a thief.
[15] The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight,
saying, 'No eye will see me';
and he veils his face.
[16] In the dark they dig through houses;
by day they shut themselves up;
they do not know the light.
[17] For deep darkness is morning to all of them;
for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.
- [18] "You say, 'Swift are they on the face of the waters;
their portion is cursed in the land;
no treacher turns toward their vineyards.
[19] Drought and heat snatch away the snow waters;
so does Sheol those who have sinned.
[20] The womb forgets them;
the worm finds them sweet;
they are no longer remembered,
so wickedness is broken like a tree.'
- [21] "They wrong the barren, childless woman,
and do no good to the widow.
[22] Yet God prolongs the life of the mighty by his power;
they rise up when they despair of life.
[23] He gives them security, and they are supported,
and his eyes are upon their ways.
[24] They are exalted a little while, and then are gone;
they are brought low and gathered up like all others;
they are cut off like the heads of grain.
[25] If it is not so, who will prove me a liar
and show that there is nothing in what I say?"

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

[1] The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

[2] O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? [3] Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. [4] So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

[5] “Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. [6] For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. [7] They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. [8] Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. [9] They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. [10] At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. [11] Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!”

A Shocking Reply
Habakkuk 1:1–11

1. Our confidence wavers when what we see contradicts God’s holy character and ways. (vv.1-4)

2. But God restores our confidence by the startling revelation of His redemptive plans. (vv.5-11)

Worship Through Receiving the Lord's Supper

Following the command of Christ in Matthew 26:26 and the guidance of the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 11:23-34, we receive the bread and cup. Our practice is to hold the elements until all have been served and then partake together.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response

O Come All You Unfaithful

Bob Kauflin, Lisa Clow

O come, all you unfaithful, come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone!
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come
See what your God has done!

chorus

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you!

O come, bitter and broken, come, with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love!
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run
See what your God has done!

chorus

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe!

(repeat)

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done!

chorus 2x

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Benediction

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

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.

"Benediction" comes from two Latin words and means a "good word" or blessing. A man ordained to administer the Word and sacraments raises his hands at the end of public worship to pronounce a blessing from God to His people. Those present will often extend open palms in a posture of reception. We see these benedictions throughout the Bible.

GS WEEKLY

Mon, Dec 1 ***Youth Prayer Breakfast, 7:00-7:45am at the Cabin.***

Wed, Dec 3 ***Church-wide Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study, 5:30-7:30pm.*** Dinner from 5:30-6:15pm, classes from 6:15-7:30pm. In the adult class, Pastor Stacey will continue our topical series of talks/discussions to help you think biblically about work. May the Lord use this to renew and strengthen your sense of purpose and fulfillment in "what you do" and how God provides for you!



December's Menu: fried chicken, potato salad, tossed salad, and rolls. There will be a hot chocolate bar and cookies for dessert!

GS Kids Christmas Party, during Church-wide Wednesday night. We will head over to the kids' classrooms after dinner for a time of games, crafts, and treats in celebration of Jesus!

Sat, Dec 6 ***OWL brunch, 9:00am at the home of Ellen Hearne (807 Smith St. Florence).*** GS women ages 50 and older gather each month for food, fellowship, and encouragement.

Sun, Dec 7 ***Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Service, 9:50-10:15am each Sunday in December at the end of Sunday Morning Bible Study.*** This will include all SMBS classes on our children's hall. Preschool age are welcome to sing as well.

***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, Dec 10 ***Women's Christmas Party, 6:00-7:30pm.*** Ladies, come join us for a white elephant Christmas Party! Bring your favorite appetizer, your trivia knowledge, and a wrapped gift under \$10. Dessert will be provided. Hope to seeing you there!

Women's Bible Study, 5:00-6:00pm at the home of Adele Weatherford (809 Juanita Dr.). Note the time change. Christmas party afterwards.

Sun, Dec 21 ***GS Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner, 5:00-9:00pm.*** Meet at the Cabin.

GS KIDS LIBRARY IS OPEN

The GS Kids Library is open! Located in the Worship Training Room, our library is open anytime the church is open. Check-out info is located in the library. We do ask that parents help children to check out and return books. We plan to add to our collection and hope this will be a blessing to all GS families!

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.***

