

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 96:1-3

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

Edward Shippen Barnes and James Chadwick

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains!

chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

chorus

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

chorus

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth!

chorus

CCLI Song #27721

Confessing Our Sins Together
Based on Hebrews 3

Oh God, in times of trouble, in times of difficulty, we are prone to becoming hard-hearted. This is why You say in Your Word, "Exhort one another every day, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." We admit that we have let hardness linger. Remove it from us, and give us soft hearts that receive Your grace and give grace to others.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us— for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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
Sean Cauley
Mark Rooze
Hayden Bell
Josie Severance

"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, stating the doctrine of our church, which our officers vow to teach and practice.

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 41-42**

Q. Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

A. Our Mediator was called Jesus, because He saves His people from their sins.

Q. Why was our Mediator called Christ?

A. Our Mediator was called Christ, because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of His church, in the estate both of His humiliation and exaltation.

Song of Adoration

Joy Has Dawned

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Joy has dawned upon the world / Promised from creation!
God's salvation now unfurled / Hope for every nation!
Not with fanfares from above / Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love / Jesus born of Mary!

Sounds of wonder fill the sky / With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life / Shelters in a stable!
Hands that set each star in place / Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast / Vulnerable and helpless!

Shepherds bow before the Lamb / Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands / Prophecy the story!
Gold, a King is born today / Incense, God is with us
Myrrh, His death will make a way / By His blood He'll win us!

Son of Adam, Son of heaven / Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man / Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior, what a Friend / What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem / Now the Lord of history!

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The Reading of the Scriptures **Job 27**

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

[1] And Job again took up his discourse, and said:

[2] "As God lives, who has taken away my right,
and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter,

[3] as long as my breath is in me,
and the spirit of God is in my nostrils,

[4] my lips will not speak falsehood,
and my tongue will not utter deceit.

[5] Far be it from me to say that you are right;
till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

- [6] I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go;
my heart does not reproach me for any of my days.
- [7] “Let my enemy be as the wicked,
and let him who rises up against me be as the unrighteous.
- [8] For what is the hope of the godless when God cuts him off,
when God takes away his life?
- [9] Will God hear his cry
when distress comes upon him?
- [10] Will he take delight in the Almighty?
Will he call upon God at all times?
- [11] I will teach you concerning the hand of God;
what is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
- [12] Behold, all of you have seen it yourselves;
why then have you become altogether vain?
- [13] “This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage
that oppressors receive from the Almighty:
- [14] If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword,
and his descendants have not enough bread.
- [15] Those who survive him the pestilence buries,
and his widows do not weep.
- [16] Though he heap up silver like dust,
and pile up clothing like clay,
[17] he may pile it up, but the righteous will wear it,
and the innocent will divide the silver.
- [18] He builds his house like a moth’s,
like a booth that a watchman makes.
- [19] He goes to bed rich, but will do so no more;
he opens his eyes, and his wealth is gone.
- [20] Terrors overtake him like a flood;
in the night a whirlwind carries him off.
- [21] The east wind lifts him up and he is gone;
it sweeps him out of his place.
- [22] It hurls at him without pity;
he flees from its power in headlong flight.
- [23] It claps its hands at him
and hisses at him from its place.

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

[6] Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, "Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—for how long?—and loads himself with pledges!" [7] Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. [8] Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

[9] "Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm! [10] You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life. [11] For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond.

[12] "Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! [13] Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? [14] For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

[15] "Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! [16] You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the LORD's right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory! [17] The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

[18] "What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! [19] Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. [20] But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Justice and Deliverance Has Come
Habakkuk 2:6-20

1. Jesus Christ is the incarnate fulfillment of divine justice. (vv.6-17)

2. Jesus Christ is the incarnate arrival of divine deliverance. (vv.18-20)

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 Ye Faithful

C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade

O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

chorus

*O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

True God of true God, Light from Light eternal
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes
Very God, Be-gotten, not created!

chorus

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

chorus

Yea Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing!

chorus

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Benediction

Lamentations 3:21-23

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

Wed, Dec 17 ***Youth Bible Study and Games, 6:00-7:30pm in the Cabin.*** Bring your own dinner.

Sun, Dec 21 ***Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Service, 10am in the Worship Training Room.*** This includes all SMBS classes on our children's hall. Preschool age are welcome to sing as well.

***No Sunday Morning Bible Studies on Dec 21 & 28
Worship Service, 10:30am.***

Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner, 5:00-9:00pm. We will meet at GS and travel to two different houses to enjoy food and fellowship. The first house will have appetizers, the second will have the main course. We will then go back to the GS Cabin to have dessert and a white elephant gift exchange. If your student wants to participate in the gift exchange, they need to bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10. Pick up will be at GS. Brock has sent out a sign-up for apps and dessert. Please contact him if you did not receive it.

Mon, Dec. 22 ***GS Kids visiting The Pines at Florence to sing Christmas carols, 11am.*** Our children will pass out candy canes to residents and sing for them. Picnic lunch and fellowship time immediately after at the Blanton's home. Youth are welcome. Meet at The Pines, 3006 Hoffmeyer Rd, Florence.

Wed, Dec 24 ***Christmas Eve Service, 5:00pm.*** Please make plans to join us for our Christmas Eve Service here at Good Shepherd! This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family and prepare our hearts to treasure Jesus Christ as we celebrate Christmas. Also, our children's choir will sing. There will be no childcare during the service.

Sun, Jan 11 ***Congregational Meeting after the Worship Service***

Wed, Jan 14 ***Women's Bible Study, 5:00-6:00pm at the home of Adele Weatherford (809 Juanita Dr.).*** Note the time change. Christmas party afterwards.

NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES ON DEC 21 & 28

We will take a brief break from Sunday Morning Bible Studies on Dec 21 & 28, but there will be Children's Choir practice on Dec 21 at 10am in the Worship Training Room.

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!

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.***

