

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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**THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 28, 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 5 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 99:5

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

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

All My Ways Are Known To You

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Dustin Smith

In days of peace and days of rest; in times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true, that all my ways are known to You!

No trial has come beyond Your hand, no step I walk beyond Your plan
The path is dark outside my view, still all my ways are known to You!

chorus

*And oh what peace that I have found wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to You! Hallelujah, they are known to You!*

I do not fear the final night, for death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through, for all my ways are known to You!

chorus

Open up my eyes so I may see, that You have made these ways for me!
Open up my eyes so I may see, that You my God, will walk with me!

repeat

chorus 2x

Hallelujah, they are known to You!

CCLI Song #6016351

Confessing Our Sins Together

O God, our minds and our flesh are weak. We have not kept the righteous requirements of Your law, rather, we have walked according to the flesh. Because of our disobedience, we stand condemned. We plead for forgiveness through Christ. May His righteousness cover our sins. Amen.

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)

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace
Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Musicians

*Tim Bell
Alanna Scott
Hayden Bell
Lydia Langley*

"Catechize" means "to teach." The Shorter 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 Shorter Catechism Q&A 35*

Q. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Song of Adoration

All Glory Be To Christ

Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand / No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house / In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain / Tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn / All glory be to Christ

chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done, His kingdom come / On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread / Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy / The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet / All glory be to Christ

chorus

When on the day the great I AM / The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain / Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us / And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be / All glory be to Christ

chorus

CCLI Song #7008232

The Reading of the Scriptures *Job 28*

Mr. Randy LaCross, Ruling Elder

- [1] "Surely there is a mine for silver,
and a place for gold that they refine.
- [2] Iron is taken out of the earth,
and copper is smelted from the ore.
- [3] Man puts an end to darkness
and searches out to the farthest limit
the ore in gloom and deep darkness.
- [4] He opens shafts in a valley away from where anyone lives;
they are forgotten by travelers;
they hang in the air, far away from mankind; they swing to
and fro.
- [5] As for the earth, out of it comes bread,
but underneath it is turned up as by fire.

- [6] Its stones are the place of sapphires,
and it has dust of gold.
- [7] "That path no bird of prey knows,
and the falcon's eye has not seen it.
- [8] The proud beasts have not trodden it;
the lion has not passed over it.
- [9] "Man puts his hand to the flinty rock
and overturns mountains by the roots.
- [10] He cuts out channels in the rocks,
and his eye sees every precious thing.
- [11] He dams up the streams so that they do not trickle,
and the thing that is hidden he brings out to light.
- [12] "But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
- [13] Man does not know its worth,
and it is not found in the land of the living.
- [14] The deep says, 'It is not in me,'
and the sea says, 'It is not with me.'
- [15] It cannot be bought for gold,
and silver cannot be weighed as its price.
- [16] It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
in precious onyx or sapphire.
- [17] Gold and glass cannot equal it,
nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
- [18] No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;
the price of wisdom is above pearls.
- [19] The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
nor can it be valued in pure gold.
- [20] "From where, then, does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?
- [21] It is hidden from the eyes of all living
and concealed from the birds of the air.
- [22] Abaddon and Death say,
'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'
- [23] "God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
- [24] For he looks to the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.
- [25] When he gave to the wind its weight
and apportioned the waters by measure,
- [26] when he made a decree for the rain
and a way for the lightning of the thunder,
- [27] then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.
- [28] And he said to man,
'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to turn away from evil is understanding.'"

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

The Preaching of the Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a

Mr. Brock Page, Pastoral Intern

[1] Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. [2] For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. [3] For this is the will of God, your sanctification:

Growing in a Life that Pleases God

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a

We grow in a life that pleases God when we understand:

1. Our obedience flows from our relationship with Christ. (v.1)

2. God has clearly revealed His will. (v.2)

3. Sanctification is God's declared will for His people. (v.3a)

Worship Through Receiving the Lord's Supper

Rev. Stacey Severance

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

I Set My Hope On Jesus

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

When this life of trials tests my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus

chorus

*I set my hope on Jesus
My rock my only trust
Who set His heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus*

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus

chorus

Though the world calls me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offers all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
Till I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus

chorus 2x

I set my hope on Jesus

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

- Sun, Jan 4 *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, Jan 7 *Church-wide Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study, 5:30-7:30pm.*
- Fri, Jan 9 *OWL lunch, 11:30am at McAllister's Deli, GS women ages 50 and older gather on
the first Friday of each month for lunch, fellowship, and encouragement.*
- Sun, Jan 11 *Congregational Meeting after the Worship Service.*
- Mon, Jan 12 *Youth Prayer Breakfast, 7:00-7:45am in the Cabin.*
- Wed, Jan 14 *Women's Bible Study, 6:00-7:30pm at the home of Adele Weatherford.
(809 Juanita Dr.)*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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**.

