

GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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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 Visitor 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 100:3-4

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.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth and Robert Robinson

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood!

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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Confessing Our Sins Together
Psalm 51:9-12

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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 - Guitar, Vocals
Alanna Scott - Vocals
Ken Bell - Bass
Mark Rooze - Cello
Hayden Bell - Drums
Josie Severance - Piano

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace *Ephesians 1:3–7*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

"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.

Proclaiming What We Believe *Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 49*

Q. How did Christ humble Himself in His death?

A. Christ humbled Himself in His death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by His disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by His persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, He laid down His life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

Song of Adoration

Jerusalem

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Tranter

See Him in Jerusalem / Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him / Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man / Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem / On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill / Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits / Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun / And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down / So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross / Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds / Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now / See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God / Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today / Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world / Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One / Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem / Praise the One who saved us!

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[16] So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, [17] and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. [18] There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. [19] Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." [20] Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. [21] So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" [22] Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

[23] When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, [24] so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

"They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, [25] but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" [27] Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

[28] After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." [29] A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[31] Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. [32] So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. [33] But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34] But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. [35] He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. [36] For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." [37] And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

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 *Revelation 10*

Rev. Stacey Severance

[1] Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. [2] He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, [3] and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. [4] And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." [5] And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven [6] and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, [7] but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

[8] Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." [9] So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." [10] And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. [11] And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

The Cost to Follow Christ Revelation 10

1. Following Christ requires a total acceptance. (vv.1-4)

2. Following Christ requires a delayed gratification. (vv.5-7)

3. Following Christ requires an honest assessment. (vv.8-11)

Song of Response

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

chorus

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

chorus

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

chorus

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Benediction

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.

Philippians 4:23

"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, Mar 27 ***Act Like Men, 6:30-8:30pm.*** Men, join us and invite friends to a dinner and time of teaching and discussion on what it means to act like men of God. Pastor Stacey will deliver a message titled, "Truthfulness: The Value of Being Honest."
- Fri, Mar 29 ***Visiting and Singing for the Heritage Nursing Home residents, 10:30am.*** GS families have the opportunity to sing and visit with Heritage Nursing Home residents. We will sing simple hymns. No practice required! We will also have a time for chatting and prayer. They can only accommodate 18 of us, so please let Lia know if you would like to go (Lia@gsflo.org).
- Good Friday gathering, 12:15-1:00pm in the Sanctuary.*** To meditate on the death of our Lord, join Pastor Stacey for a time of reading from God's Word and prayer. Everyone is encouraged to fast at that time and eat afterward.
- Sat, Mar 30 ***Easter Egg Hunt at Good Shepherd, 10:00am.*** We need GS members to help with parking, table set-up, handing out donuts/coffee, etc. We also want to meet and welcome our visitors and friends. If you are able to help, plan to arrive at 9:00am. You will be directed to park in the field to leave space for those with small children and visitors. GS youth will be hiding eggs and should also arrive by 9:00am. **Pick up invite cards in the lobby and invite your friends and neighbors.**
- Sun, Mar 31 ***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, Apr 10 ***Church-wide Wednesday Night Gathering with dinner and Bible study for all ages, 5:45-7:15pm.*** The next adult study will cover **Part Seven.**
- Thurs, April 18 ***GSYouth at the Always Ready: Ligonier Ministries Youth Conference.*** The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia from 5:00-9:00pm. Look for a registration link with further details to be sent out this week.
- May 3 & 5 ***Inquirer's Class.*** This two-session class (on Friday evening from 6:00-8:30pm and Sunday afternoon from 3:00-6:00pm) allows you to learn about Good Shepherd's values, beliefs, goals, and history. If you can't participate that weekend, the next opportunity will be Aug 2 & 4. Sign up through the GS website (under the "Ministries" tab).



WALKING WITH ANXIETY CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Join us for this three-session conference with Rev. Drew Taylor as he shares his own experience with anxiety, provides a biblical understanding of it, recommends life habits to deal with and possibly prevent it, and counsels us in how to face the struggle with Christ and His gospel.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

There are two ways to participate in this act of worship: place an offering in the box at the back of the sanctuary before or after worship, or give online by using the QR code to the right or by visiting ***gsflo.churchcenter.com/giving.***

