

**The Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

*(gluten free bread served)*

**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, for ever. Amen.**

**The Offering**

**Offertory**

\*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Commissioning**

Standing on the Promises

No. 838

**\*Benediction**

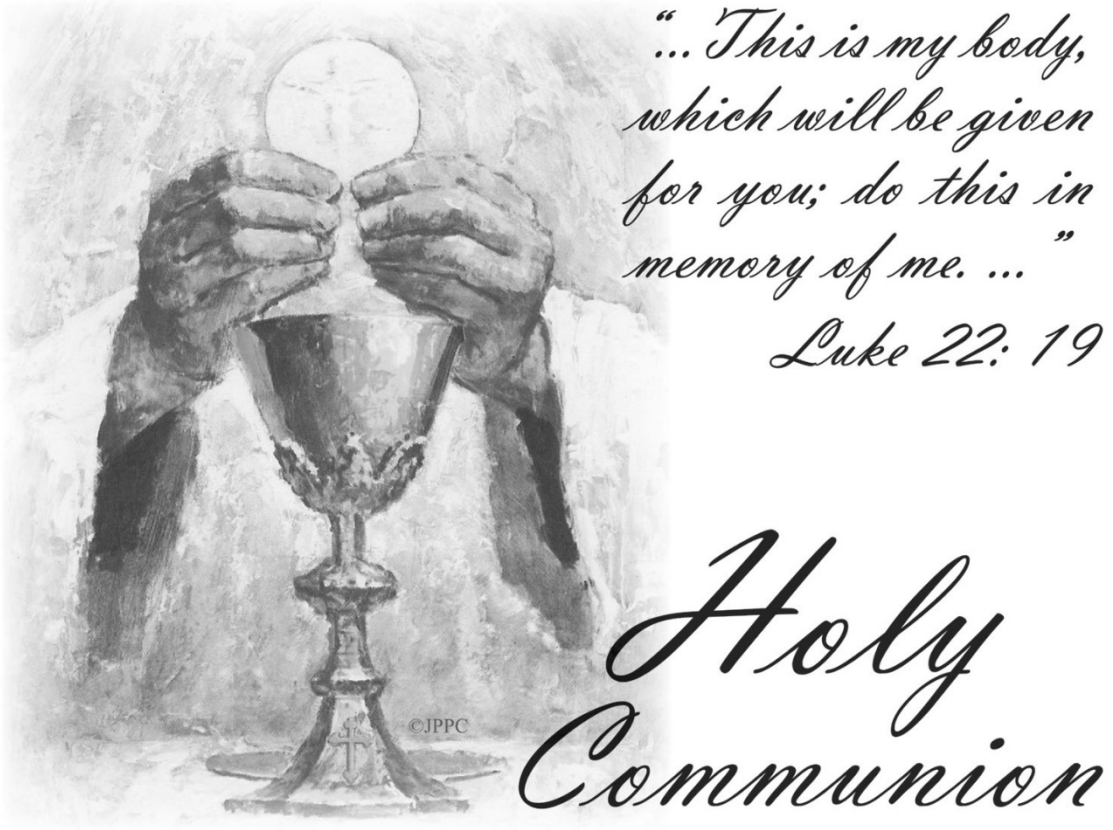
**Postlude**

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**Special Thanks Today:**

**Usher:** David Diener

**Lay Leader:** Gail Hamilton



*Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Order of Worship*

*May 4, 2025*

Worship Service

May 4, 202511:00 AM

\* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Holy Giver and Receiver of life, Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of Your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to You and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all Your followers, for the sake of the One who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshipers:** Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

Minute for MissionGeorgia Fresh for Less (Farmers Market)

\*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We will give thanks to You, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

**People: We will be glad and exult in You; we will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

—from Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV

\*Hymn of PraiseGreat is Their FaithfulnessNo. 39

\*Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**People: Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**People: Do not cast me from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

\*Assurance of God’s Grace

The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.  
—Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture LessonPsalm 71:14-24Pew Bible page 414

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture LessonActs 1:3-11Pew Bible page 770

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

SermonCan I Get A WitnessRev. Jeff Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*Hymn of the DayWhat a Friend We Have in JesusNo. 465

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving