

*Doxology No. 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning** Shine Jesus Shine No. 192

***Benediction**

Postlude

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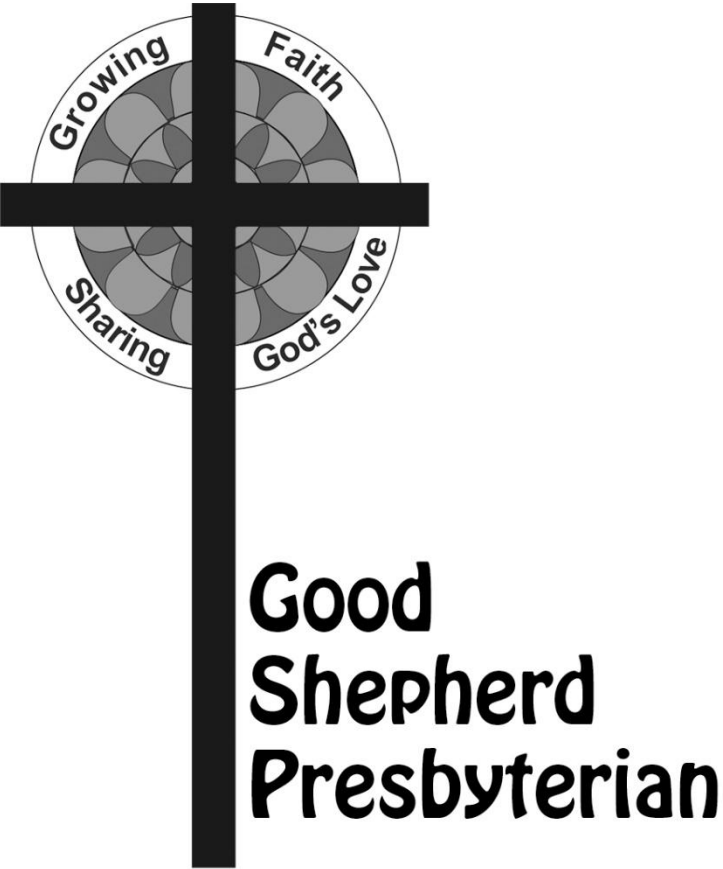
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June 1, 2025

Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 am

**We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

The marks of this life are:
Pray daily;
Worship weekly;
Enjoy spiritual friendships;
Read and study the Scriptures;
Engage in service in and beyond the church;
Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and
Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.

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

Prayer of Preparation

Faithful Deliverer, You have chosen us to receive salvation by faith, not by the works of our hands. Deliver us, then, from the law, and free us from the bondage of sin so that with our hands we might serve You in purity of joy and response to Your goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is all goodness. 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 sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

Thornwell

Carolyn Weekley

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You

*Hymn of Praise

Our Lord, Our God, How Excellent

No. 25

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness’ sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

*Assurance of God’s Grace

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us. —from Romans 8:1-2, 11, NIV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:68-79

Pew Bible page 724

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Pew Bible pages 824-825

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

Locked Up Under the Law

Rev. Dr. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord

No. 640

*Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

Whitney Duncan

Leader: What do you believe about God?

People: We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God— eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

—based on Belgic Confession, Art. 1

Prayer of Intercession and 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