

*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** Standing on the Promises No. 838

***Benediction**

Postlude

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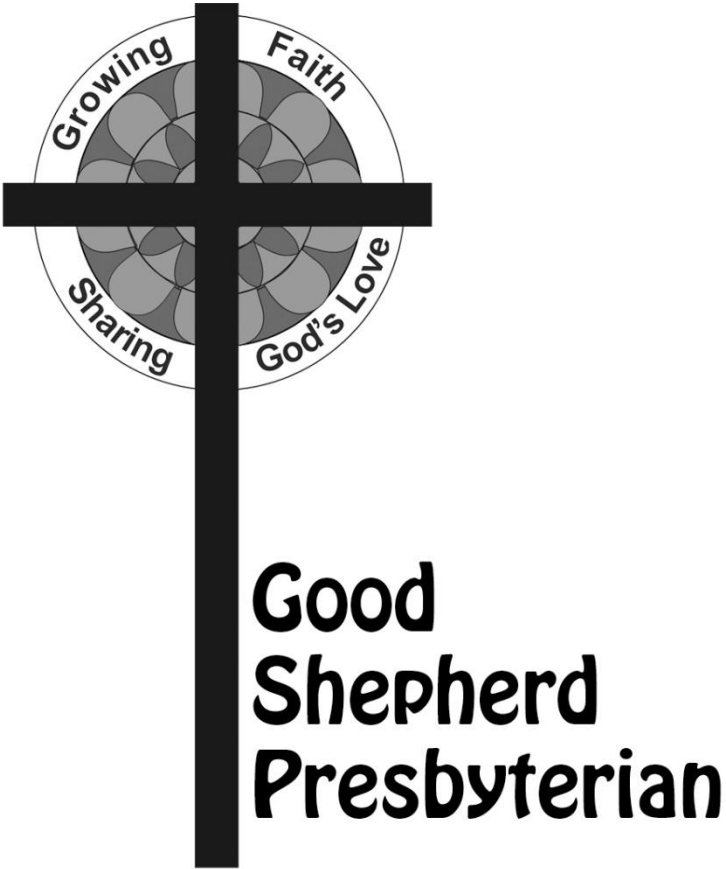
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Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 am

**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

O God, You pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship You in spirit and truth. 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.

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Leader: for He is our God

People: and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

—Psalm 95:6-7, NIV

*Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 15

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

*Assurance of God’s Grace (Responsive)

Leader: Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

People: In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

—from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 51:10-14

Pew Bible page 405

Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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Anthem

Sermon

Zero to Hero

Rev. Shelby Baxter-Andrews

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 735

***Affirmation of Faith** —*from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 54-55*

I believe that the Son of God, through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. The communion of saints— believers one and all—as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Michael Thorpe

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.

The Offering

Offertory