

The Order for the Celebration and Public Worship of God

The Lord's Day, October 1, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP • 10:00am

CHORAL INTROIT *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* (SEE INSERT)
(SUNG BY ANGELA CHILDRESS)

CALL TO WORSHIP* **PSALM 105:1-3; 8** Pastor Charlie Turner

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ... He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations...

OPENING HYMN* **No. 94**
"How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE 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, forever. AMEN.

CONFESSING OUR FAITH* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI*
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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **JOSHUA 8:30-35**
(page 184 in pew Bible, page 234 in large print pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God. Louis Watson, Ruling Elder

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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HYMN OF WORSHIP*

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 30
ST. ANNE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory - "There is a Redeemer"

DOXOLOGY*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

SERMON

Pastor Brad Waller

"COVENANT RENEWAL"
JOSHUA 8:30-35

(page 184 in pew Bible, page 234 in large print pew Bible)

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION*

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

No. 535
EBENEZER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(PLEASE WAIT UNTIL EVERYONE IS SERVED AND WE WILL TAKE THE ELEMENTS TOGETHER. THE OUTER RING OF EACH TRAY IS GRAPE JUICE; THE REMAINING INNER CUPS ARE WINE.)

CONFESSION OF SIN*

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature — prone to evil and slothful in good — and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On worthily coming to the table...

"This is the worthiness — the best and only kind we can bring to God — to offer our vileness and our unworthiness to Him so that in His mercy we may be taken as worthy; to despair in ourselves so that we may be lifted up by Him; to accuse ourselves so that we may be justified by Him."

— Calvin's Institutes 4.17.42

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

No. 455
SAGINA

BENEDICTION*

RECESSIONAL* *"How Firm a Foundation"* (SUNG BY ALL)

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

THE MESSAGE, NOT THE MAN...

Our pastor wears a robe to remind all of us that the preacher's task is to present the whole counsel of the Word of God. The robe he wears covers the man in the pulpit. Our prayer is that you would see Jesus in our service as you look through the pastor into the life-giving Word of God!

*If you are visiting this morning,
please fill out the visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.*

Please join us for **Sunday School** following Morning Worship. Classes are available for all ages. Please see an usher if you need help finding a classroom.

Please join us for **Sunday Evening Worship** tonight from 6-7pm.

EVENING WORSHIP • 6:00pm

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

PSALM 113:1-3

HYMN*

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"

No. 57
RIPLEY

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE*

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH*

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH
(CHAPTER XXII. I, II)

- I. A lawful oath is part of religious worship, wherein, upon just occasion, the person swearing solemnly calls God to witness what he asserts, or promises, and to judge him according to the truth or falsehood of what he swears.
- II. The name of God only is that by which men ought to swear, and therein it is to be used with all holy fear and reverence. Therefore, to swear vainly, or rashly, by that glorious and dreadful Name; or, to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful, and to be abhorred. Yet, as in matters of weight and moment, an oath is warranted by the Word of God, under the New Testament as well as under the old; so a lawful oath, being imposed by lawful authority, in such matters, ought to be taken.

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN*

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

No. 528
OLIVET

PSALTER RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 2

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY*

SERMON

Pastor Charlie Turner

"THE CHRISTIAN AND THE TAKING OF OATHS"
MATTHEW 5:33-37

(page 810 in pew Bible, page 1030 in large print pew Bible)

CLOSING HYMN*

"God Is Known among His People"

No. 66
LAUDA ANIMA

BENEDICTION*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budgeted Weekly Needed: \$ 10,786
Actual Tithes Received 09/24/17: \$ 18,490
\$ 7,704

09/24/17 Attendance AM 163
PM 62

“Match” to date: \$ 15,330.00

A New Way To Give...The Church is now able to receive contributions through the transfer of stock. For more information, contact our Church Administrator, Dale Hinely at 898-0170.

Today we welcome Laura Savage who is assisting in worship on the violin.

In the Nursery: **October 1st**
Morning Worship Birth - 3 years: Nicole Watson, Angela Childress
Sunday School Birth - 23 months: Jim & Sandy Henry
Assistant 2 - 3 years: Leigh Miller
Evening Worship: Mark & Nancy Board

In the Nursery: **October 8th**
Morning Worship Birth - 3 years: Jean Wiggins, Ellie Childress
Sunday School Birth - 23 months: Melissa Turner
Assistant 2 - 3 years: Krissy Abney
Evening Worship: Dave & Cathy Roulo

Usher Captain: **Ushers:**
10/01 - Joel Barry Louis Watson, David Watson, Ron Nichols,
Michael Phillips, Ronnie Nichols
10/08 - Allan Chagan John Childress, Pete Love, Daniel Gibson,
Jerome Watson, Ronnie Nichols

Upcoming Events:

- **TODAY • SCAD Welcome Back Luncheon** at the Veciana’s home
- **TODAY • Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting** at 12:15pm
- **TODAY • GA Right to Life - Life Chain** on Abercorn St. from 2:30-3:30pm
- **October 5 • Men’s 1st Thursday** at 11:30am at Wilmington Island Golf Club
- **October 5 • Stewardship Meeting** at 5:30pm
- **October 7 • Wassaw Beach Trip Youth & College** from 10am-3pm
- **GCI Photo Directory • FINAL photo session for the new directory.**
Sessions will be held **Sunday AM October 8th** and **October 15th.**
Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.
- **October 8 • Pastor Appreciation Sunday** (luncheon- more details to follow)
- **October 8 • Joint Officer Meeting** at 4pm
- **October 8 • Christian Ed (CE) Meeting** at 5pm
- **October 14 • Women’s Ministry Brunch Saturday** - College Care Packages

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study - 10am at Grace Church of the Islands.
The study is on the Lifechange series of Bible studies, “Minor Prophets 1” led by Julie Veciana. If you have questions, please call **Julie at 912-604-2992.**

“A Christmas Tradition”, Savannah Theater on Dec. 9th at 8pm, Sign-up on back table, **deadline Nov. 26th**

SAVE THE DATE • OCT 27-29 • REFORMATION 500 WEEKEND AT GCI

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A growing denomination committed to the historic Christian faith.

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Grace Church exists to be a worshipping community of believers who seek to know God and make Him known by loving God (I John 5:3) and loving people (I John 3:16).

October 1, 2017

Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM
Sunday School 11:15-12:00 noon
Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 PM
Office Hours M-F 9 AM-5 PM