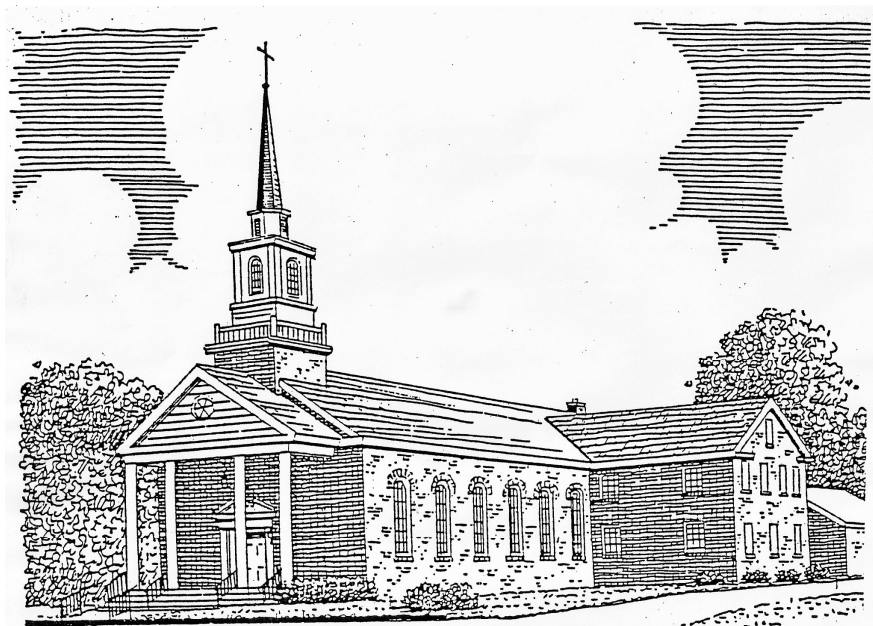


Poplar Springs Baptist Church



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Ware Shoals, S. C.

THE LORD'S DAY, MARCH 26, 2023
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Worship: 10:00 am

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68:1-3

"Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, So, drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So, let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly."

Minister: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

Congregation: **We lift them up!**

HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Celebration Hymnal #54

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE LAW OF GOD

Matthew 22:34-40

"But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Private Confession

Corporate Confession

Minister: We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

All: Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In Your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but You are substance; that they are quick sands, but You are mountain; that they are shifting, but You are anchor. We plead Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness, His sinlessness for our transgressions, His fullness for our emptiness, His

glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works, His death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 10:7-10

"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

DOXOLOGY

Doxology

Celebration Hymnal #815

CONSECRATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 22:20-24

Matthew 16:13-20

Revelation 1:17-18

Minister: May God bless the reading of His Word.

Congregation: **Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

PSALM

Psalms 118:17-29

Tune: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

Celebration Hymnal #336, "There Is a Fountain"

**I shall not die, but live and tell
Jehovah's power to save;
The LORD has sorely chastened me,
But spared me from the grave.
O set ye open unto me
The gates of righteousness;
Then will I enter into them
And I the LORD will bless.**

**This is Jehovah's gate; by it
The just shall enter in.
I'll praise Thee Who hast heard my prayer,
And hast my safety been.**

That stone is made head cornerstone
Which builders did despise.
This is the doing of the LORD,
And wondrous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
Let us be glad and sing.
Hosanna, LORD! O give success!
O LORD, salvation bring!
O bless-ed be the one who comes,
Comes in Jehovah's name;
The blessing from Jehovah's house
Upon you we proclaim.

The LORD is God, and He to us
Has made the light arise;
O bind ye to the altar's horns
With cords the sacrifice.
Thou art my God; I'll give Thee thanks.
My God, I'll worship Thee.
O thank the LORD, for He is good;
His grace will endless be.

SERMON

The Church with the Open Door
Revelation 3:7-13

HYMN

Whiter Than Snow
Celebration Hymnal #653

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Postlude

In the foyer, a plate is designated for tithes and offerings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The new schedule for Sunday mornings starting
April 2, 2023 is as follows:

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship

EASTER BREAKFAST

The signup sheet for Easter Breakfast is on the table in the foyer.
If you are willing to help, please sign up for what you wish to bring.

Who Holds the Keys to Death and Hell?

By: Charles Spurgeon
www.monergism.com

Hell and death, terrible powers as they are, are not left to riot without government. Jesus holds the keys of these dreadful regions! Death is a land of darkness, yet a sovereign eye surveys it, and a master hand holds its key.

Hell also is a horrible region, where powers of evil and of terror hold their high court and dread assembly; but hell trembles at the presence of the Lord, and there is a throne higher than the throne of evil.

Let us rejoice that nothing in heaven, or earth, or in places under the earth, is left to itself to engender anarchy. Everywhere, serene above the floods, the Lord sits as King forever and ever!

No province of the universe is free from the divine rule!

Things do not come by chance. Nowhere do chance and chaos reign, nowhere is evil really and permanently enthroned. Rest assured that the Lord has prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Christ has the keys of hell and death!

He is the Lord over those dark regions, and rules them by his sovereignty. Christ is Lord over hell and death.

He actually rules and manages in all the issues of the grave, and overrules all the councils of hell, restraining the mischievous devices of Satan, or turning them to subserve his own designs of good.

Our Lord Jesus Christ still is supreme! His kingdom, willingly or unwillingly, extends over all existences in whatever regions they may be!

Jesus rules over the damned spirits!

In this life they would not have him to rule over them, but in the life to come they must submit whether they will or not. In that seething caldron of hell, every wave of fire is guided by the will of Christ, and the mark of his sovereignty is on every iron chain.

Thus the ungodly will be compelled to feel his rule with terror, for although the ferocity of their natures will remain, yet the boastfulness of their pride shall be taken from them. Though they would still revolt, they shall find themselves hopelessly fettered, and powerless to accomplish their designs.

Though they would sincerely continue stouthearted as Pharaoh, and cry, "Who is the Lord, that we should obey his voice?" They shall wring their hands in anguish and bite their tongues in despair.

One of the great terrors of the lost in hell will be this, that he who came to save was rejected by them, and now only reveals himself to them as mighty to destroy. He who held out the silver scepter when they would not touch it, shall forever break them with a rod of iron for their willful impenitence.

"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment."

"Beware you that forget him, lest he tear you in pieces and there be none to deliver."

SERVICES

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Children's Ministry 7:00 PM

Church Conference 7:45 PM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

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