

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK  
May 9, 2021

We gather today as “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant ...”  
Hebrews 12:23-24a

## A Time for Praise:

Prelude ..... Pearl Barton  
Call to Worship ..... Pastor Lucas Mann  
Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 60:6–9  
New Testament Reading ..... John 10:31-33  
Prayer ..... Pastor Lucas Mann  
*Hymn of Praise* ..... *How Great Thou Art* ..... Hymn #147  
(Celebration Hymnal)  
*Hymn of Psalm* ..... *(All Hail the Power)* ..... Psalm 96  
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## A Time for Hearing God's Word:

Message ..... “Embracing Reformation” ..... Pastor Lucas Mann  
Nehemiah 9:3

## A Time for Surrender:

*Closing Hymn* ..... *Christ Shall Have Dominion* ..... Hymn #678  
(Trinity Hymnal)

*Benediction* ..... Jude 1:24–25  
*Soli Deo Gloria*

Postlude ..... Pearl Barton

## Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 9  
HAPPY MOTHER'S Day  
No Evening Services

Wednesday, May 12  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study/LBC

Senior Adult for the Month of April: Judy Pitts

*May Fellowship*  
*Sunday, May 16 2021*  
*After the morning worship service*

## Church Picnic Luncheon

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the fellowship.  
We will be having fried chicken, picnic style sides & desserts.  
Please see the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule and  
select what you would like to bring.

## Church Contact Information:

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**Pastor:** Lucas Mann - (864) 909-7564  
**Pastor Hours:** M: 12 pm – 4pm  
Tu – F: 9 am – 11:30 am; 1:30 pm – 3 pm  
**Youth Pastor:** Travis Gosnell  
**Music Leader:** Deck Balentine  
**Pianist:** Pearl Barton  
**Website:** www.poplarspringsws.org

## Mothers Show Us More of God

By Tyler Holley

### God's Glory, Many Mothers

Motherhood reflects the glory of God. It is the particularly feminine shape of holiness that women of faith strive for. When Paul says that women are "saved through childbearing" (1 Timothy 2:15), he does not mean that women can earn their salvation by giving birth, but that God is able to save them even as they endure the feminine part of sin's curse (Genesis 3:16). Childbearing symbolizes the creational role of women because motherhood is the clearest example of the difference between men and women.

When I was a child, a middle-aged woman slipped a torn corner of the church bulletin in my hand with a Bible reference penciled on it. She said it was her favorite passage and that I might like it too. And I remember a young lady with a felt board teaching a Sunday school class on baptism, and that's when I learned what baptism meant. When I was in college, an older lady in my church would give me weekly hugs and tell me she was praying for me — those prayers would sometimes be accompanied by brownies.

Mothers are everywhere, if we only have eyes to see them. Motherhood is woven into the very fabric of creation, and God says that all of creation tells about his glory (Psalms 19:1; Romans 1:20). What, then, does God have to teach us about his glory through motherhood?

### Moms Give New Life

When God made men and women in his image, he gifted women with a peculiar way to showcase his image. Women, like God, have the gift of generative love. A woman has the ability to love a man in such a way that she can turn it into a human being. Indeed, women are the type of people whom other people come out of. Mothers have a kind of incarnational power. They incarnate marital love in a human person. In other words, women manifest the glorious love of God through creation, through birth.

The unique gift of generation that was given to women is precisely what was damaged at the fall. Now, there is pain in childbearing (Genesis 3:16). The pain of birth tarnishes the gift of motherhood. But the tarnish makes way for a new possibility: redemption. After the fall, women can still generate human life, but they must do so by embracing their curse. Mothers embrace the pain of their fallen nature, they embrace death, and from that death a life is born. In every birth, a mother gives of herself for the sake of her child. So, because of the fall, motherhood not only reflects the generating love of God in creation, but also the regenerating love of Christ on the cross.

Mothers embrace the curse so that we may be born, and Christ embraced the curse so that we may be reborn.

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## Poplar Springs Baptist Church



*“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”*

**Romans 1:20**

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**Worship: 10:00 am**