

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

- + Last week's service available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiVbTitDNsp0NB2HwG-4Cew>
- + Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via zoom
- + Lord's Day Afternoon Virtual Prayer Meeting at 5:45 p.m.
- + Midweek Virtual "fellowship" Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78873686273?pwd=NFkyWGJzNjZxV0VVSU1ZUGVhZmp6dz09>
- + Midweek Youth Virtual Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75039745354?pwd=VTN0UIR2Y0NmZXZ4QWtOaVZaWXR5UT09>
- + Access to the church building is restricted until further notice in compliance with Governor Kemp's Public Health Emergency Declaration. If you need access to the building during this time, please contact the church office.
- + Online giving link available on the website: FPFO.org/give
 - + Through May 30, you can give electronically through the PCA Foundation; there are details on that site to help you do so either through a bank draft or via credit card
 - + If you are able do do so via bank draft, the church will receive 100% of your gift; Gifts via credit card are assessed a small processing fee

***The Opening Psalter Reading.....Psalm 92:1-4**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

***Opening Psalm No. 57“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”(Psalm 146)**

***The Prayer of Adoration and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father which 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 Confession of Faith.....The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic* refers to the universal church; that is to say, the Church is more than FPFO or the PCA.
This does not refer to the Roman Catholic religion.

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris -'ner free,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

***The Confession of Sin**

O God, you know our foolishness, and our sins are not hidden from you: we were foolish in our disobedience; our lusts are foolish and hurtful, even as the beasts before you.

We see that it is an evil and bitter thing that we have forsaken the Lord our God, and that Your fear has not been in us.

What shall we say after this, for we have forsaken your commandments? We have sinned, and we know that the wages of sin is death.

Lord, we have no where else to turn, and yet you are a God who pardons, who is merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; rich in mercy to all those that call upon you, for the sake of the redemption we have through Christ’s blood. In Him, you have given us the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Your grace, wherein you have abounded toward us in all wisdom and insight..

Truly our hope is ever in you: deliver us from all our transgressions, that we may not bear the reproach of the foolish because of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 106:6, 8

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness...Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

The Encouragement to Give.....Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

The Great Prayer

***The Psalm.....“I Hid Not in My Heart” (Psalm 40:10-17)**

5. ¹⁰I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;
6. ¹²E - vils too great to count Have tak - en hold of me.
7. ¹³Come to my res - cue, LORD; O LORD, make haste to help.
8. ¹⁶Let all those seek - ing You Glad - ly re - joice in You,

In the as - sem - bly great I preached Your faith - ful - ness.
My sins close in on me So that I can - not see.
¹⁴Let all who seek my life Be shamed and be con - fused.
Who Your sal - va - tion love Say, "Glo - ry to the LORD!"

¹¹You'll not with - hold from me Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD;
They are more nu - mer - ous Than hairs up - on my head.
Let them fall back in shame Who want to see my hurt.
¹⁷May the Lord think of me; I suf - fer pain and want.

And Your un - fail - ing love Will ev - er keep me safe.
My heart now fails in me; My cour - age melts a - way.
¹⁵Let them be put to shame Who taunt and jeer at me.
My Help, my Sav - ior, come! My God, do not de - lay!

I. Introduction

A. Why does Moses give the instructions for Passover several times?

B. What are some of the promises God fulfills in this passage?

II. Main Argument

A. Humiliation (vv. 29-32)

1. Death Everywhere (vv. 29-30): What are the Hebrews doing while death is coming to all the houses of Egypt?

a. How is the comprehensiveness of the plague emphasized?

(1) Why was God looking for blood when He came into Egypt?

(2) **Application**: How does the lamb’s blood function in Israel’s assurance that they will survive the night of judgment?

b. Why is the land of Egypt filled with wailing?

2. Unconditional Surrender (vv. 31-32): don’t miss how these verses are filled with juicy irony

a. How is Pharaoh’s humiliation and urgency apparent?

b. Is Pharaoh sincere in his request for blessing?

3. **Application**: How does Pharaoh’s capitulation here warn all people against resisting God’s demands?

B. Salvation (vv. 33-42)

1. Plunder (vv. 33, 35-36): Why do the Egyptians give to Israel?

a. How is God's sovereignty over hearts illustrated here?

b. **Application:** How will Israel use these treasures?

2. Sudden Salvation (vv. 34, 39)

3. Journey (v. 37): What are two ways to understand these numbers?

4. Mixed Multitude (v. 38): what does the "mixed multitude" show us about belonging to God?

5. Summary (vv. 40-42): Why is it important that the Exodus was an actual, historical event and not a fable or parable?

C. Covenant (vv. 43-51)

1. Passover Rules (vv. 50-51): what is unique about these rules?

2. No Foreigners (vv. 43, 45): who may not come to Passover?

3. All Israel (vv. 46-47)

a. Why is breaking the lamb's bones (likely) forbidden?

b. How does the communal observance of Passover emphasize the connected nature of life as God's people?

4. Some Foreigners (vv. 44, 48-49)

a. How does God provide a way for Non-Israelites to come to Him?

b. Why is circumcision necessary to participate in Passover?

c. What does God mean by "one law"?

*The Hymn No. 172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!
 4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:
 called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:
 when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:

he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor- thy, Lamb of God!"

*The Benediction and Dismissal

The Postlude