

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. | www.FPFO.org | 706.866.2521 | The Lord's Day | May 31, 2020

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

+ Upcoming Events

+ Young Adult Fellowship & Movie Night: June 5 @ 6:00 p.m.

+ Youth Service & Adventure Week June 8-12

+ Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75630735827?pwd=S1JnbEszdTNISENXSU8xcXVhRWxhQT09>

+ Lord's Day Afternoon Virtual Prayer Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

+ Midweek Virtual "fellowship" Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

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+ Midweek Youth Virtual Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79795566011?pwd=WxzIRzg2NWZ5dHR0dIIdaGUzZkRTQT09>

+ Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576

+ Online giving link available on the website: FPFO.org/give

+ Through **June 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 ReadingPsalm 113:1-6**

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!
The LORD is high above all nations,
 and his glory above the heavens!
Who is like the LORD our God,
 who is seated on high,
who looks far down
 on the heavens and the earth?

***The Opening Hymn No. 457“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

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

***The Confession of FaithThe Westminster Larger Catechism No. 76**

Q. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

***The Confession of Sin**

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You; we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We confess we are sinners, deviants, and unrighteous people. We have rejected your holy will and holy calling on our lives and instead have desired that which does not please You or promote our own life, health, and wholeness.

We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God.

Please do not treat us as we deserve or as we have treated others. Instead, have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity.

Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; and sustain us with Your free Spirit that we may rest in Your grace, strive for holiness, and live in the light of Your face now and forevermore through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 4:25-5:2

Jesus Christ was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

The Encouragement to Give.....II Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich

The Great Prayer

***The Psalm No. 66“God is Known Among His People” (Psalm 76)**



1. God is known a - mong his peo - ple, ev - ery mouth his praise - es fill;
2. Ex - cel - lent and glo - rious are you, with your tro - phies from the fray;
3. When from heav'n your sen - tence sound - ed, all the earth in fear was still,
4. Vow and pay un - - to Je - ho - vah, him your God for - ev - er own;



from of old he has es - tab - lished his a - bode on Zi - on's hill;
you have slain the might - y war - riors, wrapped in sleep of death are they;
while to save the meek and low - ly God in judg - ment wrought his will;
all men, bring your gifts be - fore him, wor - ship him, and him a - lone;



there he broke the sword and ar - row, bade the noise of war be still.
when your an - ger once is ris - en, who can stand in that dread day?
e'en the wrath of man shall praise you, your de - signs it shall ful - fil.
might - y kings o - bey and fear him, princ - es bow be - fore his throne.



I. Introduction: Who is the Main Character in the Exodus?

II. Main Argument

A. God’s Care (vv. 17-19)

1. The Route (vv. 17-18)

- a. What is the *Via Maris*, and why does God not take His people along the best, easy route?
- b. What does “equipped for battle” likely mean?
- c. **Application**: Why are easy success, quick advancement not necessarily blessings?

2. Confidence (v. 19): why did Joseph give instructions about this?

B. God’s Presence (vv. 20-22)

1. Fire and Cloud: what is manifested in the pillar of cloud and fire?

- a. In what ways are the cloud and fire for Israel’s comfort?
- b. What is the significance of God’s *shekinah* glory?

2. **Application**: How are God’s marvelous patience and love displayed in the pillar of cloud and fire?

C. God’s Trap (vv. 1-9)

1. Turning Back (vv. 1-2): how does turning back provide an opportunity for Israel to see how worthy God is of their trust?

2. Not Finished with Pharaoh (vv. 3-4)

- a. Why does God make Israel appear weak, lost, and trapped?
 - b. How will God direct even the hatred of Pharaoh?
3. Repenting of Repentance (vv. 5-9): why is it important to distinguish true repentance from mere remorse or regret

D. God's Faithfulness (vv. 10-14)

1. Cry to God (v. 10)
 - a. Why does Israel cry out here? How have Israel's cries changed through the exodus narrative?
 - b. What sort of cry is this?
2. Cry to Moses (v. 11)
 - a. How is Israel's ridicule of Moses ironic?
 - b. Of what does Israel repent?
3. Israel's Survival Plan (v. 12): What tactic has Satan used against the church here and how does it appear to be working?
4. God's Salvation Promise (vv. 13-14)
 - a. Why is Israel in no real danger?
 - b. **Application**: What important truth is illustrated here and why is the proverb, "God will never give you more than you can handle" complete garbage?
 - c. **Application**: how does worship in word and sacrament emphasize the simplicity of God's salvation?

*The Hymn No. 345....."Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

*The Benediction and Dismissal

The Postlude