

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | September 27, 2020 | 10:45 a.m.

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The Announcements

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise....."Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

***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.

***The Call to Confession1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable does not keep a record of wrongs; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

***The Confession of Sin**

Good and gracious God, our Father in heaven: you are full of love, the God of love and peace and we are your people whom you have redeemed in the Lord Jesus Christ, caused to be born again to a living hope, and renewed in the Image of our Creator.

Yet we confess our sin before you. Although your Spirit is at work within us, we have not worked diligently along with Him toward our own holiness, but have all too often resisted the Spirit and put you to the test by our sin.

We have not resembled Christ in our love for one another. We have been too eager to love superficially as the world loves and reluctant to love with costly, spiritual love in truth.

We have not been patient as we ought, but we have been irritable and kept a record of offenses against us. We have failed to consider how much we have been forgiven in Christ. Our lives and attitudes far too much resemble the ungrateful debtor rather than the woman who kissed the Saviour's feet.

Please forgive us yet still, for we have been forgiven much, but loved little. Thank you that your love never ends and bears with your people. Grant us to live in light of all we have received.

***Silent Confession**

***The Assurance of Pardon** 1 Timothy 1:15-16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

***The Hymn of Response** "Rock of Ages"

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Rock of Ages'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are four lines of lyrics corresponding to the notes above them.

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en
 law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -
 cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to
 close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy

side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its
 ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and
 thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,
 judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

guilt and pow'r.
 thou a lone.
 or I die.
 self in thee.

The Encouragement to Give1 Timothy 6:9-10

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

The Great Prayer

*The Psalm "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" (Psalm 72:8, 11-12, 18-19)

1. Now bless - ed be the Lord our God, the
 2. And bless - ed be his glo - rious name to
 3. His wide do - min - ion shall ex - tend from
 4. Yea, all the kings shall bow to him, his

(A) (E) (A) (F#m)
 God of Is - ra - el, for he a - lone does
 all e - ter - ni - ty; the whole earth let his
 sea to ut - most sea, and un - to earth's re -
 rule all na - tions hail; he will re - gard the

(E) (E7) (A) (D) (C#m) (E7) (A) 7
 won - drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.
 glo - ry fill. A - men, so let it be.
 mot - est bounds his peace - ful rule shall be.
 poor man's cry when oth - er help - ers fail.

“Why Worship the Right Way?” | Exodus 20:4-6

I. Introduction:

A. What does the First Command teach us about God

B. What does the Second Command teach us about God?

C. Why is there inevitable overlap between the First and Second Commandments?

II. Main Argument

A. What is Right Worship (vv. 4-5)

1. American Religion: is the teaching of the Second Commandment compatible with the American virtue of each person worshipping “according to the dictates of his own conscience”?

a. What is the difference between *moral rights* and *civil rights*?

2. Scriptural Principles: How does the history of the Old Covenant Church inform our understanding of the Second Commandment?

a. What do Deut. 8 and Deut. 12 teach us about how the Church is not to worship God?

b. What do we learn about God’s priorities in worship from Leviticus 10 and the tragedy of Nadab and Abihu?

c. While Jehu did much that was commendable, why was he condemned by God in 2 Kings 10?

3. **Application**

a. How do we learn how to worship correctly?

b. Why must we not approve or tolerate false worship?

c. Is God's wrath toward false worship gone in the New Testament?

B. God's Jealousy (v. 5)

1. What is Jealousy?

a. What is the difference between *jealousy* and *envy*?

b. What are examples of virtuous expressions of jealousy?

2. Jealousy Because of Love

a. How does God frequently portray the relationship between Himself and His Church?

b. Why does false worship anger God so much?

c. **Application**: why should we rejoice over God's jealousy?

C. God's Warning (v. 5)

1. Hatred of God

a. What makes God visit?

b. What is one purpose of God's threatening here?

c. **Application**: What does worshiping God in a way He has not commanded reveal about the worshiper?

2. Suffering for Someone Else's Iniquity

a. In what sense do we all suffer for the iniquity of others?

b. What sort of iniquity coming upon people is in view here?

(1) Does God punish the innocent for the sins of the wicked?

(2) How did the Jews in the days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel misunderstand God's word here?

(3) Does God approve of making the children pay for the sins of their parents? Where do we hear such arguments today?

(4) How did the disciples of Jesus also misunderstand this principle?

(5) Who is God saying He will punish?

c. **Application**: Was there ever an instance in which the sins of a man's unrighteous ancestors were visited upon a righteous descendant?

d. Why does God include a note about sins of false worship visiting subsequent generations?

e. **Application**: Why are God's warnings so severe here?

D. **God's Promise (v. 6)**

1. **The Abundance of His Promise**: How do these promises contrast with the warnings of v. 5?

2. **The Greatness of His Grace**: How is this an invitation to seek mercy?

1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you And the waves
 2. When you pass through the fire, I will be with you. And the flames

will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For I have re-deemed you.
 will not All con-sume you.

I have called you by name, you are mine. For I am the Lord your

I am the Lord your God I am the Ho-ly One of
 God I am the Lord your God. I am the Ho-ly One of

Is - ra - el your Sav - ior. I am the Lord your
 Is - ra - el Your Sav - ior. For I am the Lord your God
 God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el your Sav -
 I am the Lord your God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your Sav -
 ior. Do not fear Do not fear Do not fear
 ior. I am the Lord I am the Lord I am the Lord I am the
 Do not fear I am the Lord. fear, I am the Lord.
 Lord.

***The Benediction**

***The Response** "The 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Please Note: *Masks are required for all persons over age ten inside the building. Please wear a mask covering your mouth **and** nose for the duration of the service and while in the building. The only exception to this is musicians and those actively teaching or leading some part of the worship service. Thank you for laying down your rights in order to protect the weak and vulnerable among us so we can enable **united** corporate worship services. Please continue to observe six-foot distance between households at all times and observe courteous, common sense hygiene practices.*

- + Weather permitting, evening worship will be outside tonight at 6 p.m. Mask are not required outside, but please continue to practice social distancing and be mindful of the contact/comfort level of others. **Please bring your own chair(s).**
- + The Discipleship Group led by the Bosshardts continues via GoogleMeet at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Please use this [LINK](#) to join. Questions? Please call 706-861-5672.
- + Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via zoom: [LINK](#)

MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES RESUME SEPTEMBER 30:

- ◆ 6:00-6:25 p.m. Supper Time (please bring your own food)
- ◆ 6:30-6:50 p.m. Joint Praying Meeting in the Fellowship Hall (all ages together)
- ◆ 6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes:

All Things to the Glory of God (Adult Sunday School Room)

A study of the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF), the historic summary of the Bible's teaching and doctrine of the Presbyterian Church. The WCF helps us see how all of life, all of the Scripture, and all our faith is aimed at magnifying God's glory. This class is open to all people of any age and especially those discerning a call to church office.

"American Gospel" Discussion (Fellowship Hall)

The gospel message of "Christ crucified" has always been offensive. In our culture it is common for preachers to soften the offense of the cross, and the attributes of God that are displayed in the person and work of Jesus Christ. In this film and discussion, we'll consider some of the flaws with post-modernism and progressive Christianity. This class is open to people of all ages.

KidsQuest (Sunday School Room 2)

Teaching time and fellowship designed to encourage covenant children toward faith in Christ and to understand the truth of our sinfulness and God's grace.

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