

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | November 29, 2020 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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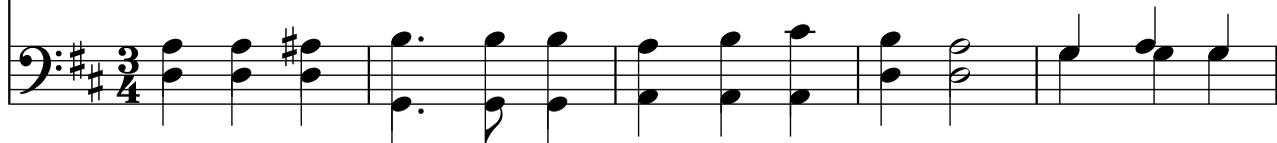
*The Call to Worship

~ We Respond to God's Call to Worship Him ~

*The Hymn of Praise "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith**Westminster Larger Catechism No. 138

Q. What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?

A. *The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of celibacy; conjugal love and cohabitation in marriage; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting all temptations to it.*

The Call to ConfessionJames 3:7-10

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

The Confession of Sin

O Lord Our God and Heavenly Father, you are the Lord, you will be gracious to whom you will be gracious, and show mercy to whom you will show mercy. No man can see your face and live for you are holy and righteous and true.

We confess we are sinners; we have defiled ourselves by our sins. We are hypocrites, speaking religious words and blessing our Lord and Father, but at the same time cursing, despising, resenting, and hating those made in the likeness of God.

Forgive us for not cherishing our neighbor's life, forgive us for not promoting our own health with our diet and drink, forgive us for our lack of patience with others and how quick we are to contrive murder or harm in our hearts toward others rather than have faith in your justice and providence.

Father, let us live to please you; enable us to desire to show kindness and gentleness to all people for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Silent Confession

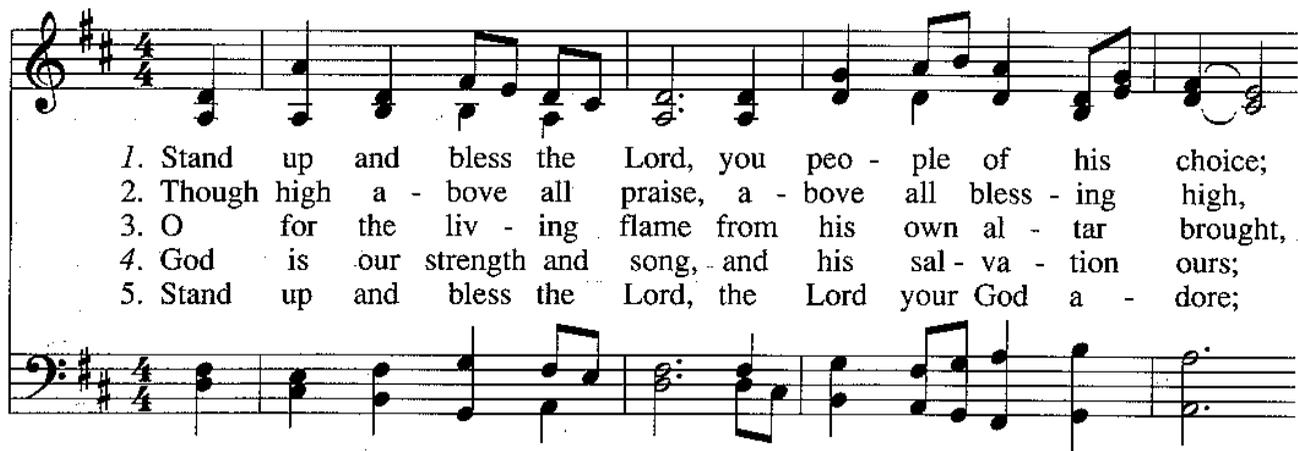
~ God Meets His People's Needs in Christ ~

The Assurance of PardonJames 4:8-10

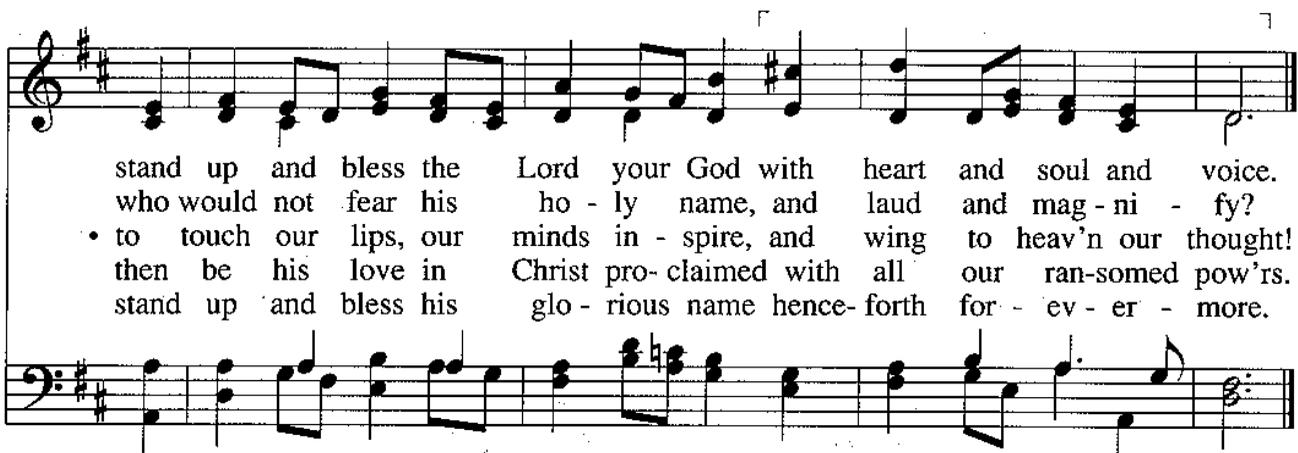
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

~ God's People Respond with Joy and Gratitude ~

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"



1. Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;
2. Though high a - bove all praise, a - bove all bless - ing high,
3. O for the liv - ing flame from his own al - tar brought,
4. God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;
5. Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;



stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
who would not fear his ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
• to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heav'n our thought!
then be his love in Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed pow'rs.
stand up and bless his glo - rious name hence - forth for - ev - er - more.

The Encouragement to Give 2 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.

~ God's People Call upon Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us via this [link](#) or the QR code below:

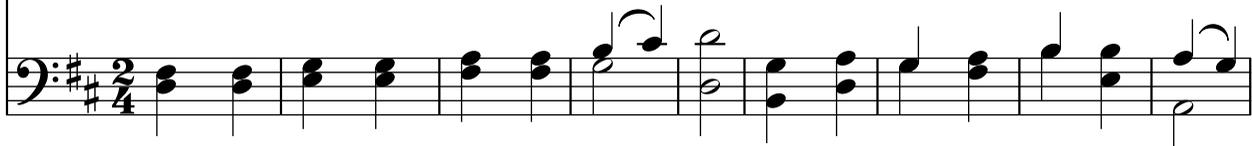


~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

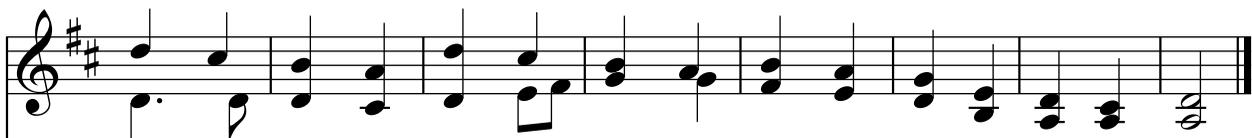
*The Psalm No. 103....."Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



- ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



- Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart” | Exodus 20:14

I. Introduction

A. Are there any links between the Sixth and Seventh Commands?

B. Why is this commandment challenging to address?

C. What reasons are there that Christians often have a defective, unbiblical, or sub-Christian view of sex and marriage?

II. Main Argument

A. God’s Rights

1. Meaning of the Command

a. What is the command explicitly and implicitly prohibiting?

b. What sort of behavior is considered ***sexual immorality*** as Jesus uses the term in Mark 7? How does this help us see the need for purity in heart and mind in the Christian life?

c. Why do some people argue ***unnatural*** expressions of sexuality are acceptable for Christians so long as they are loving, committed, and consensual?

(1) How does Romans 1 show sins that are unnatural are worse than sins that are merely corruptions of nature?

(2) How does 1 Timothy 1 show that *any* sexual activity outside of the marriage of one man and one woman is sinful?

d. How does Jesus’ application of this command to ***lust*** show our desperate need of God’s pardoning mercy and grace?

2. Two Rights of God:

- a. Why is it important that those made in God's image value *purity* in their thoughts and actions?

- b. Why is God so serious about the solemnity of the marriage *covenant*?

B. **The Excellence of Marriage:** marriage is central to what two key acts of God?

1. Divine Design (cf. Mark 10): How does Jesus show God creating mankind male and female is not merely arbitrary?

2. Divine Diversity (cf. Gen. 2): How does the diversity within mankind reflect the truth about God?

a. When was the first time God called His creation *not good*?

b. How does this show complementarity is essential to marriage?

3. Divine Glory (cf. Mal. 2): What is God seeking from marriage?

4. Divine Symbol (cf. Eph. 5)

a. What redemptive truth does marriage illustrate and reveal?

b. How does this show marriage is more than merely *love, consent, and commitment*?

C. **Our Duty in the Seventh Commandment**

1. Prohibitions (cf. Westminster Larger Catechism No. 139)

a. Lust

b. Marital Celibacy: under what circumstances may husband and wife deprive one another?

c. **Gossip:** Why can gossip be particularly harmful to a marriage?

d. Why must married people be free from grudges?

2. Requirements (cf. Westminster Larger Catechism No. 138)

a. Most fundamentally, what must all people always do in regard to marriage?

(1) What is the problem with no-fault-divorce?

(2) **Application:** why does chastity until marriage enable us to better honor marriage?

(3) **Application:** why is delighting in one's spouse important?

b. **Guard the Eyes:** why is pornography so dreadfully dangerous?

c. What are ways we can guard our hearts?

d. Why is modesty important and biblical?

e. How is marriage a gift of God?

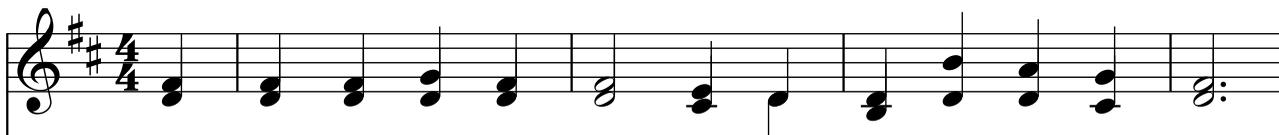
3. Need of Grace

a. How does marriage particularly highlight one's own sinfulness and need of grace?

b. How does the Scripture show God has grace for adulterers?

~ God's People Respond to the Preaching of the Word ~

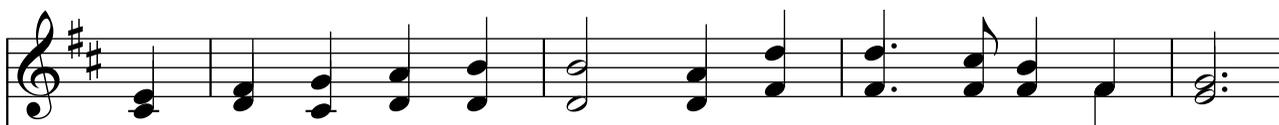
*The Hymn of Commitment....."The Church's One Foundation"



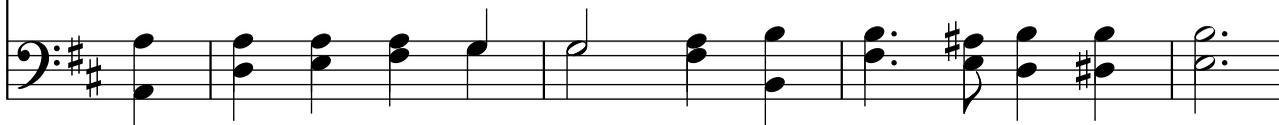
1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she presses, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

***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

Please don't forget to record your attendance, update your contact information, and/or submit prayer requests and praises. You can do so by email (office@fpfo.org), calling the church office (706.866.2521), or using the QR code below with your smartphone camera.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Please Note: A mask (covering both mouth and nose) is required for all persons over age ten inside the building on Sundays. **This policy relies on individuals and parents to enforce for themselves and for their children.** For this reason, people concerned about respiratory complications are encouraged to attend the 9:15 a.m. service. Likewise, those who have objections to wearing a mask must attend at the 10:45 a.m. service. As always, please observe common sense hygiene practices and of course join via the livestream if you are ill.

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting FPFO to 84576
- + Weekly livestream services can be found on the church website: FPFO.org/live

What About Nursery? Young children are *always* welcome in worship! Yes, even noisy ones. Yet, if parents prefer there is a nursery available in the lower level of the “new” building. We regret - due to the public health situation - the nursery is not staffed, but the service is live-streamed to the nursery.

- + Joint officer / 2021 Budget Meeting meeting Wednesday, Dec 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Virtual only: www.FPFO.org/live

6:15 PM Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

6:50-7:30 PM Lesson (via YouTube): *All to God's Glory*

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 and especially those discerning a call to church office.

OFFICER TRAINING, NOMINATION, AND ELECTION PROCESS:

Preparation and training for those discerning a call to church office continues each Wednesday night. The Session has approved the following schedule for the election of additional church officers:

January: Preaching on the biblical qualification and duties of church officers.

February: Nominations for church office (elder or deacon) will be received.

March: Officer training concludes and those nominated for church office will be examined. A list of all nominees will be made available at this time.

April: God willing, near the end of April a congregational meeting will be held to elect additional men to serve on the Session and Diaconate.

Please be praying now for whom the Lord may call to serve Him as Church officers.