

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | January 31, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE SESSION

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

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

***The Hymn of Praise....."Crown Him With Many Crowns"**

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

***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; this is to say, the Church is more than FPFO or the PCA.
This does not refer to the Roman Catholic religion.

The Call to ConfessionPsalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

The Psalm of Confession No. 51 "God Be Merciful to Me"

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Timothy 1:15-17

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. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 75.....“We Give You Thanks, O God”

1. ¹We give you thanks, O God, be - cause your name is near.
2. ²You say, “I set the time; I judge with e - ven hand;
3. ⁴“Boast not’ I tell the proud; to vile men, ‘Lift no horn.
4. ⁶For lift - ing up comes not from east or west or south;

We give you thanks for all your works your won - drous deeds de - clare.
³when earth and all its peo - ple quake, I make its pil - lars stand.
⁵Do not lift up your horn on high or speak with haugh - ty scorn.”
⁷but God is judge; he rais - es one and puts an - oth - er down.

5. ⁸The LORD’s hand holds a cup
with foaming wine, well-mixed;
he pours it out, and wicked ones
must drink it to the dregs.

6. ⁹But I fore’er proclaim,
and Jacob’s God I’ll praise.
¹⁰The wicked’s horns I will cut off,
the righteous I will raise.

The Encouragement to Give1 Timothy 6:6-8

Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

~ God's People Call upon Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

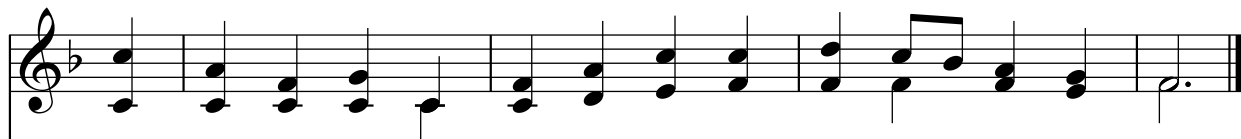
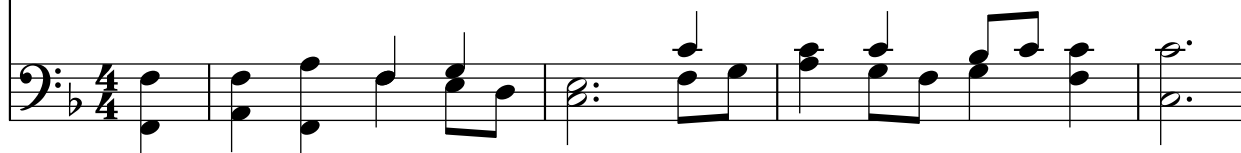
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*The Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"



1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, 'til toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.



5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,
our Savior and our King,
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. The Office of Overseer (v.1)

1. What is the relationship of the elder to the overseer?
 - a. How is the word translated *overseer* also translated?
 - b. When did a hierarchy of church offices develop?
2. Noble Aspirations: when has Paul previously used the expression, “trustworthy saying” in his letter to Timothy?
 - a. Why does Paul remind them the calling of elder is a noble one?
 - b. Why might people avoid the call to the office of elder?

B. An Overseer Pictured (v. 2)

1. Why must the elders possess certain characteristics?
2. What’s the Point: how do these qualifications and characteristics apply to Christians who are not considering a call to church office?

C. Positively: What must the elder be?

1. Husband of One Wife:
 - a. What are some ways this has been (mis)understood?

b. What is the likely emphasis of this phrase?

c. How does the lifestyle of elders contrast with the expectations for men and manliness in the culture around the church?

2. Sober-Minded

a. Why is adherence to trends and fads spiritually dangerous?

b. How do even “conservative” churches and people fall into the trap of worldliness?

3. Self-Controlled:

4. Respectable: how does this complement self-control?

5. Hospitality

a. Why was hospitality critical to the life of the Apostolic Church?

b. Why must elders especially excel in the grace of hospitality?

c. Does a pandemic exempt us from obedience to Christ’s commands?

d. What is the difference between *entertaining* and *Christian hospitality*?

6. Able to Teach

a. How does this distinguish the office of elder from deacon?

b. What sort of teaching ministry must the elders have?

D. Negatively: What an Elder Must Not Be (v. 3)

1. Not a Drunkard:

2. Not Violent: how is a man's gentleness a measure of his strength?

3. Not Quarrelsome: does this mean he must not hold strong opinions?

4. Not Greedy: why is what one does with one's wealth so important?

E. Application

1. The Elders _____ the Lord Jesus Christ

2. God's People _____ their Leaders

3. The Elders _____ the People to Christ

*The Hymn of Commitment "We Are God's People"

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

***The Benediction**

***The Response.....“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 with your smartphone camera.



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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; those nominated for church office will be examined by Session. A list of 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 31, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

Masks are **required** for the 9:15 a.m. Service

The only exceptions are those actively leading a portion of the service and persons ten and under.

Masks are **recommended** for the 10:45 a.m. Service and Evening Worship

For more information please visit the church website: www.fpfo.org/Mask21.pdf

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 10:45 a.m. service is live-streamed to the nursery.

+ Wednesday night activities continue virtually on February 3 with prayer meeting at 6:15 and teaching time at 6:50; we will conclude our discussion of Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 25, “The Church.”

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting FPFO to 84576.
- + If you are able to support the church in her worship and work, you can do so by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office or by giving online: www.FPFO.org/give.
- + Weekly livestream services can be found on the church website: FPFO.org/live.

Young Men’s Book Study

Starting February 3.

Contact Joe Wilson or Ian Webb for more information.

Time and location are still pending.

FPFO Wednesday Night Activities

Resume On-Site February 10:

Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Classes and Studies 6:50 p.m.

Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live

God willing and pending other developments