

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | February 28, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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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....."All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"**

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -

a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -

va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his

ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of FaithHeidelberg Catechism No. 1**

Q. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

A. *That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

The Call to Confession.....Proverbs 28:13–14

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

The Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father: we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature - which is prone to evil and slothful in good - and all our many sins and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

We are ashamed and sorry for all the ways we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.

And O, most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You to empower us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

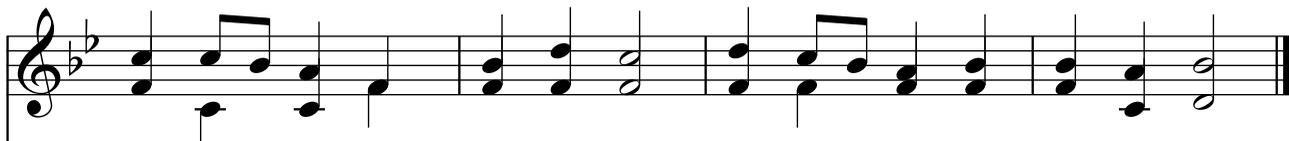
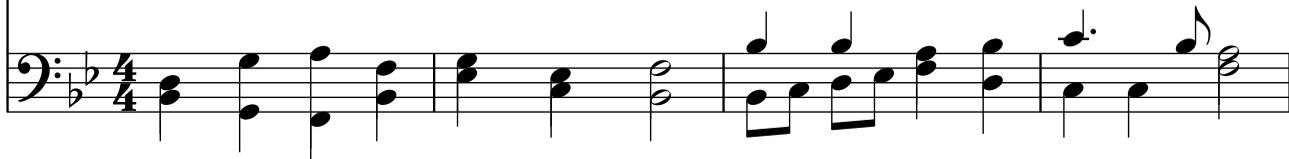
The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 113.....“Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise”



1. ¹Hal - le - lu - jah! Raise, O raise to the LORD our song of praise!
2. ²From this time and ev - er - more bless the name of God the LORD.
3. ⁴Far a - bove the na - tions high, glo - rious far a - bove the sky,
4. ⁷From the dust he lifts the low, from the ash heap takes the poor,
5. ⁹He gives bar - ren wom - en sons, bless - ing them with hap - py homes



- Praise, O ser - vants of the LORD, praise the name of God the LORD.
- ³From the sun - rise to its rest, may the name of God be blest.
 - ⁵who is like the LORD on high, ⁶gaz - ing down on earth and sky?
 - ⁸makes them with the princ - es stand, with the princ - es of the land.
- filled with joy - ful moth - er - hood. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!



The Encouragement to GiveDeuteronomy 15:10

You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

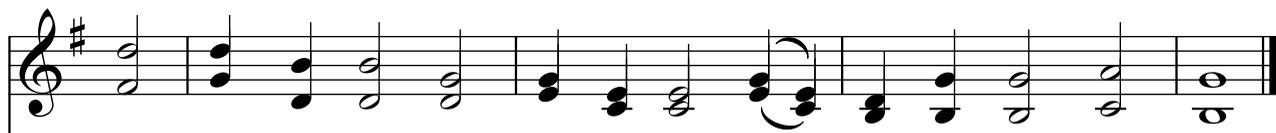
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*The Hymn....."O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



- the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
- 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

I. Introduction

A. Since the “Book of the Covenant” is not an exhaustive law code, what is it designed to do for Israel?

B. What legal principles undergird the applications of the Law here?

1. Equal _____ for All

2. Intent _____

3. Punishments are _____ not merely _____

II. Main Argument

A. Capital Crimes (vv. 12-17)

1. Capital Punishment: Why does God institute capital punishment?

2. Premeditated Murder (vv. 12-14): Why is human life sacred?

a. How does this ordinance show the greatness of God?

b. Is everyone who commits homicide supposed to be executed?

c. What are Israel's judges to investigate according to Num 35?

d. *Abiding Principle No. 1*: not all homicide is the same in God's sight and should likewise be treated differently

e. **Abiding Principle No. 2:** God delights in justice and Christians should not participate in vigilante mobs, but allow due process to run its slow course.

3. Assault on Parents (vv. 15, 17): Which of the Ten Commandments are these ordinances addressing?

a. What does the verb translated *strike* mean?

b. Why is an adult child merely cursing or shaming his or her parent such a grave offense? What sort of behavior is this?

c. **Application:** Why are the punishments for this so severe?

d. **Abiding Principle No. 3:** God's people ought to show respect for their parents: honoring them and covering their faults.

4. Manstealing (v. 16): How does this ordinance differ from comparable rules in other Ancient Law Codes?

a. How does the punishment's severity cripple trade in slaves?

b. **Abiding Principle No. 4:** The dignity of mankind as God's Image entitles all men to freedom such that any person who *unlawfully* deprives his neighbor of freedom assaults God's dignity and freedom and is no longer worthy of life.

B. Crimes of Personal Injury

1. Assault on Neighbor (vv. 18-19)

a. How is this an equitable system and show Israel's Law Code was not dependent on the Law Codes of their neighbors, but divinely given?

b. How does this illustrate the principle of restorative rather than retributive justice and punishment?

c. ***Abiding Principle No. 5:*** We must take responsibility when we unjustly do violence to our neighbor.

2. Assault on Slave (vv. 20-21, 26-27): Is corporal punishment evil?

a. What limits does God place on a master's authority?

b. Is the Bible teaching slaves are mere chattel, mere possessions?

c. Why would a slave be freed if s/he suffered permanent harm?

d. ***Abiding Principle No. 6:*** All people are entitled to the dignity and respect of their persons because they bear God's Image.

3. Assault on Bystanders (vv. 22-24): How does God illustrate the way judges are to handle injuries to innocent bystanders?

a. What is the standard for the fine imposed on the guilty?

(1) What did even the pagans surrounding Israel recognize?

(2) Is it the job of Christians to step up and do the job of the State in instances in which the State has failed to do its duty?

b. What is the "Eye for an Eye" standard designed to do and how is it often misused and abused?

(1) ***Abiding Principle No. 7***: God desires justice in society with punishments that fit the crimes and aim for restoration.

(2) **Application**: How does the principle of “eye for an eye” remind us to show mercy because of our own need of it?

(3) **Application**: Does Jesus repeal “eye for an eye” in Matt. 5?

C. Crimes of Negligence (vv. 28-26)

1. ***Abiding Principle No. 8***: We are responsible both for the injuries we ought to have prevented as well as the ones we actually cause.

2. **Animals** (vv. 28-32, 35-36): When is an animal’s owner culpable for a death caused by his animal?

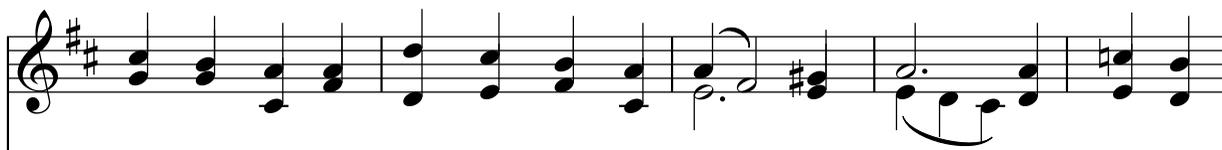
3. **Construction** (vv. 33-34): how is the way we improve our property to show regard for the lives of our neighbors and their own wealth and outward estates?

4. **Restoration**: How do all these ordinances and principles point us forward to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on our behalf?

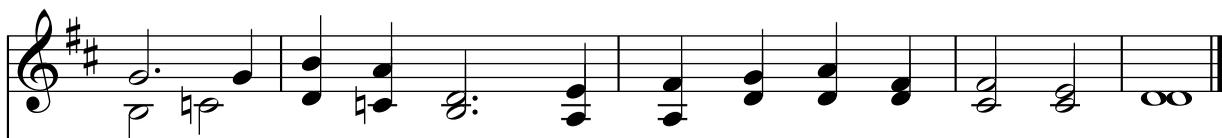
The Hymn of Commitment.....“My Song Is Love Unknown”



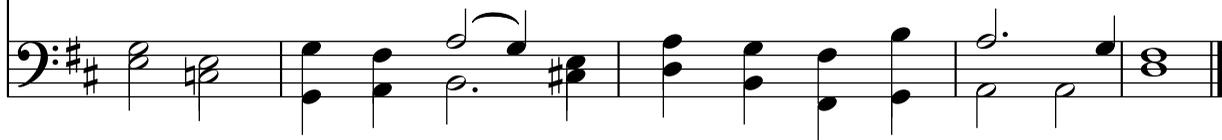
1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love
2. He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord sent a - way; a



to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. O who am
men cared not, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But oh, my
• sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -
made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet in - ju -
mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet will - ing



I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
• fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
ries! Yet all his deeds their ha - tred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.
he to suf - f'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.



6. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

***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.*

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ECCLESIASTES:
what really matters?
Evening Worship | Starting March 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 28, 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 6 p.m. 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.

+ We welcome to Dr. Steve Davenport back with us at the piano bench. This evening we will welcome Dr. Scott Finch at the piano. In evening worship the sermon will be from Luke 19:1-10, “A Short Study in Repentance.”

+ Today is the last day officer nominations will be received; if you wish to nominate someone, please place a completed nomination form in the offering plate after you discuss the it with your nominee.

We offer our Christian sympathy to the family of
Martha Kent

who went to be with the Lord on February 23.
She was buried in Adairsville, Ga. on Thursday.
A memorial service will be planned at later date

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.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:15 a.m. Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School*
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast
WAAK 94.7 FM
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
(except First Sundays)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting*
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
All to God's Glory (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)
KidsQuest (young children)

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