

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | March 7, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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## THE DIACONATE

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**The Announcements**

**\*The Call to Worship**

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

**\*The Hymn of Praise ..... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear; now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

**\*The Prayer of Adoration**

**\*The Confession of Faith .....Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 33**

*Q. What is justification?*

*A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

**The Call to Confession .....James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**The Confession of Sin**

*O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart: we confess we have not loved You with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength nor our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us.*

*We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, Who is able for all time to save us who approach You through Him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.*

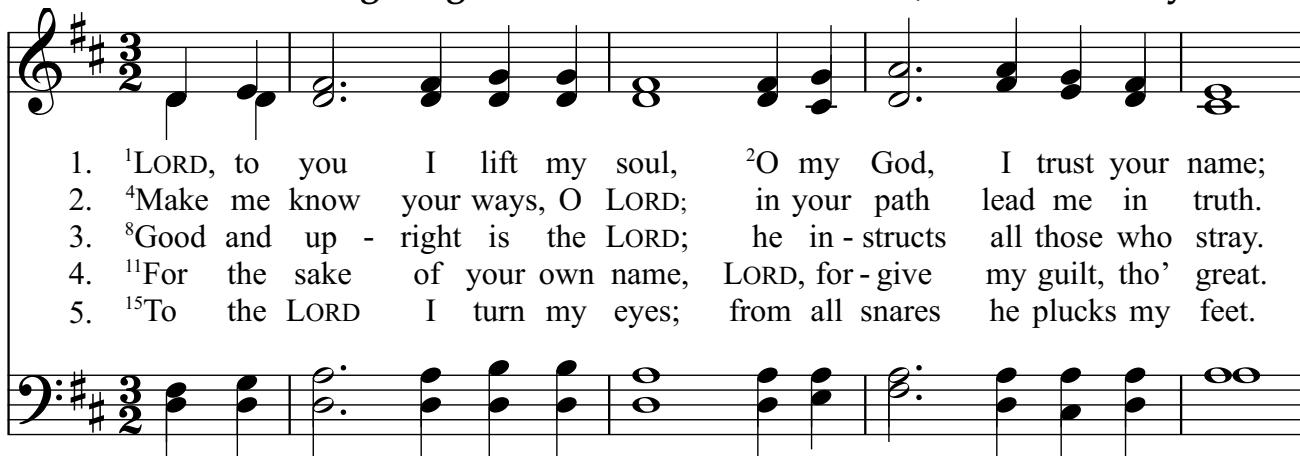
**The Silent Confession**

**~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~**

**The Assurance of Pardon .....Psalm 103:10-12**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

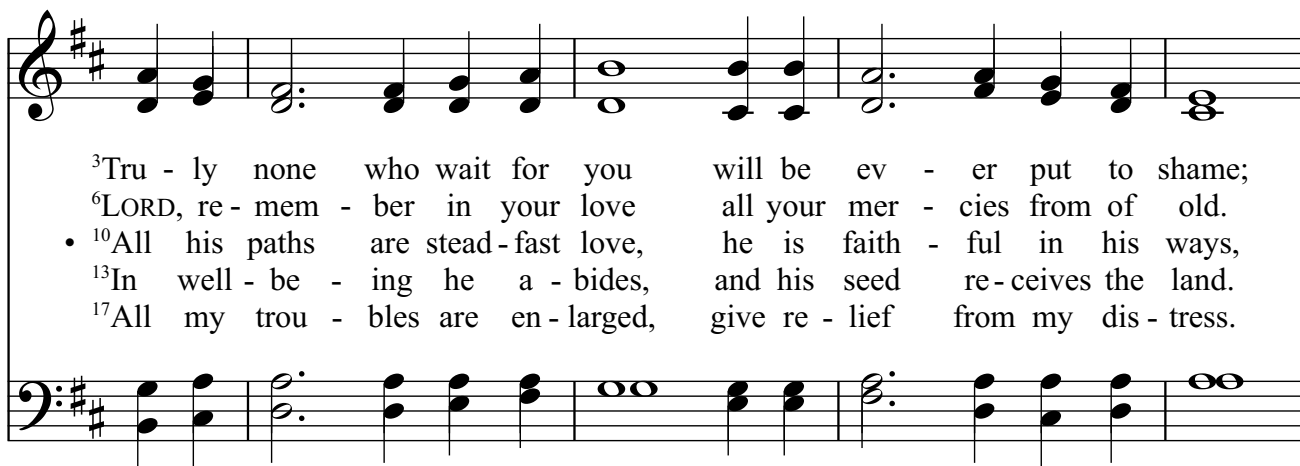
\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 25....."LORD, to You I lift My Soul"



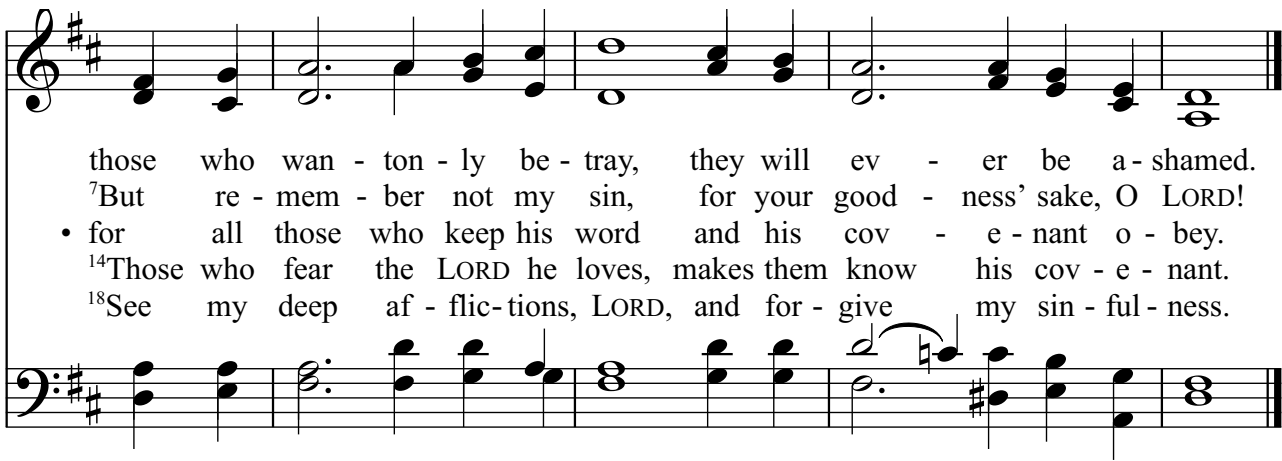
1. <sup>1</sup>LORD, to you I lift my soul, <sup>2</sup>O my God, I trust your name;  
2. <sup>4</sup>Make me know your ways, O LORD; in your path lead me in truth.  
3. <sup>8</sup>Good and up - right is the LORD; he in - structs all those who stray.  
4. <sup>11</sup>For the sake of your own name, LORD, for - give my guilt, tho' great.  
5. <sup>15</sup>To the LORD I turn my eyes; from all snares he plucks my feet.



let my foes not o'er me gloat; let me not be put to shame.  
<sup>5</sup>You are God, my Sav-ior true, all the day I wait for you.  
• <sup>9</sup>All the meek he leads a - right, he will teach his ho - ly way.  
<sup>12</sup>Who is he who fears the LORD? God will teach him all his ways.  
<sup>16</sup>Show your grace and turn to me; I am lone - ly and a - fraid.



<sup>3</sup>Tru - ly none who wait for you will be ev - er put to shame;  
<sup>6</sup>LORD, re - mem - ber in your love all your mer - cies from of old.  
• <sup>10</sup>All his paths are stead - fast love, he is faith - ful in his ways,  
<sup>13</sup>In well - be - ing he a - bides, and his seed re - ceives the land.  
<sup>17</sup>All my trou - bles are en - larged, give re - lief from my dis - tress.



those who wan - ton - ly be - tray, they will ev - er be a - shamed.  
<sup>7</sup>But re - mem - ber not my sin, for your good - ness' sake, O LORD!  
 • for all those who keep his word and his cov - e - nant o - bey.  
<sup>14</sup>Those who fear the LORD he loves, makes them know his cov - e - nant.  
<sup>18</sup>See my deep af - flic - tions, LORD, and for - give my sin - ful - ness.

- 6. <sup>19</sup>See how many are my foes, see the vi'ence of their hate.
- <sup>20</sup>Guard my soul! Deliver me! Let me not be put to shame,
- <sup>21</sup>since I wait for you, O LORD. May my uprightness prevail.
- <sup>22</sup>From his troubles, gracious God, O redeem your Israel.

**The Encouragement to Give .....Galatians 6:10**

As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

~ God's People Call to 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. You can also call (706.866.2521) or email ([office@fpfo.org](mailto:office@fpfo.org)) the church office.



\*The Hymn .....“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad - ness to this heart;  
 2. Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, up - on the shame - ful tree,  
 3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the aw - ful load  
 4. Thy righ - teous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me:

they tell me all is done; they bid my fear de - part.  
 have paid the law's full price and pur - chased peace for me.  
 of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.  
 no righ - teous - ness a - vails save that which is of thee.

Refrain

To whom, save thee, who canst a - lone for sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

## **I. Introduction**

### **A. Who is Speaking in the Book of the Covenant**

### **B. What are three legal principles undergirding these ordinances?**

### **C. What was the relationship of the Old Covenant Church to the State?**

## **II. Main Argument**

### **A. Crimes of Personal Injury**

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

- a. How is this an equitable system of justice?
- b. How does this illustrate the principle of restorative rather than retributive justice and punishment?
- c. ***Abiding Principle No. 1:*** 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 happens if the slave dies?
- 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. 2:*** 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. Is the standard of “Eye for an Eye” about retribution?

c. How do we know God is not authorizing bodily mutilation, but rather setting for the equal dignity of all humans?

(1) ***Abiding Principle No. 3***: 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 when we are wronged?

(3) ***Application***: Does Jesus repeal “eye for an eye” in Matt. 5? What is Jesus teaching about it in the Sermon on the Mount?

## **B. Crimes of Negligence (vv. 28-26)**

1. ***Abiding Principle No. 4***: 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):

a. Why must an animal who causes the death of a human be killed?



- b. When is an animal's owner culpable for a death caused by his animal?
  - c. Why is the culpable owner permitted to be redeemed? How does this help us understand what God meant by "eye for eye"?
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 ..... "Before the Throne of God Above"

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

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

**\*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.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 7, 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](http://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 Mrs. Eva Herberich back with us at the piano bench. She and her husband John have just returned from visiting their newest grandson, Noah.
- + Evening worship resumes next Lord’s Day, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- + The church librarian is evaluating the contents and usage of library materials; the VHS and cassette tape resources are free for anyone to take permanently.
- + Session has approved hosting classes of Reformed Theological Seminary here later in the year. Rev. Dr. Brian Cosby (of Wayside PCA) will be teaching “Introduction to Theological Studies” over four weekends this Fall. Please see the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for more information and opportunities.

### 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 not currently receiving the weekly prayer list via email and would like to do so, please contact the church secretary: [office@fpfo.org](mailto:office@fpfo.org).
- + 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](http://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)

\*Also available remotely: [www.FPFO.org/live](http://www.FPFO.org/live)