

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JUNE 27, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Recognition of High School Graduate Jackson Pierce

*The Call to Worship

*The Psalm of Praise No. TH361....."O Praise Ye the Lord"(Psalm 149)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism No. 49

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. *First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.*

The Call to Confession 1 Peter 2:21–25

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Confession of Sin

We have sinned, Father, against heaven and before you: we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God; for the God in whose hand is our breath and whose are all our ways, we have not honored.

We have done what is evil in your sight; we have not obeyed your voice by walking in your laws, which you have set before us, though they are holy and righteous and good.

We have every reason to be humbled for the pride of our hearts, for we have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and have not thought with sober judgment, nor walked humbly with our God. We have leaned on our own understanding and trusted in our own minds.

We have been ready to judge our brother and to despise our brother, forgetting that we must shortly stand before the judgment seat of God. We have been conceited, provoking one another, envying one another, when we should have considered how to stir up one another to love and good works.

Our sins are many, yet please show mercy to us for Christ's sake.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Colossians 1:19–22

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. TH507....“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”**

The Encouragement to Give2 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 to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:



~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

***The Psalm No. 138.....“With All My Heart My Thanks I Bring”**

1. ¹With all my heart my thanks I bring, be - fore the gods your
2. ³The day I called, you an - swered me; my soul with in - ward
3. ⁶Al - though the LORD is throned on high, he guards the meek with
4. With out - stretched hand you will op - pose the wrath and an - ger

praise I sing; ²I bow be - fore your ho - ly place and
strength in - creased. ⁴All kings of earth shall thank the LORD, for
watch - ful eye; but those of proud and haugh - ty heart, he
of my foes. ⁸Your right hand saves. The LORD ful - fills for

praise your name for truth and grace, for you a - bove all
they have heard your won - drous words, ⁵and they shall sing the
knows them on - ly from a - far. ⁷Through trou - ble though my
me the pur - pose he has willed. Your love, O LORD, for -

things, O LORD, have mag - ni - fied your name and word.
ways of God, for great in glo - ry is the LORD.
path - way be, you will re - vive and strength - en me.
ev - er stands, for - sake not the works done by your hands.

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction

A. Concern for Worship: What is worship? How does rightly understanding what worship is enable us to see why it must be done properly?

B. The Rest of Exodus: What are the dominant themes of the two major sections of Exodus remaining for us?

C. Critics of the Bible: Why is it unlikely that a later editor put this chapter here by mistake rather than God placing it here intentionally?

II. Main Argument: Access and Fellowship

A. Another Altar (vv. 1-6):

1. How is this altar similar to and different from the bronze altar outside?
2. Where is this altar located inside the tent? What is significant about its location relative to the other pieces of furniture?

B. Purpose (vv. 7-8)

1. Different: How is the function of this altar quite different from all other altars Israel had contracted so far?
2. Sweet Smell: What does Josephus tell us about the quantity of sacrifices around the time of Jesus?
3. Presence: How does the golden altar of incense signify the presence of God with His people?

4. Prayers of the People: What are the two questions we've asked to help us understand the meaning of the instructions and rituals of the Torah?
- a. What are the people of God doing whilst the father of John the Baptist is ministering inside the temple burning incense?
 - b. How does the golden altar represent the reality of what is happening in heaven?
 - c. **Application**: How does the golden altar encourage Christians that their prayers matter and are worthwhile?
 - d. **Application**: How is John's vision designed to comfort Christians in the midst of hostile persecution?

C. Regulation (v. 9)

1. Limited Use

- a. Why is Israel forbidden to use this incense anywhere else?
- b. **Application**: How does this prohibition guard against superstition and how may we see that sort of thinking creeping into Christianity today?

2. Proper Use

- a. In what way did Nadab and Abihu not respect God's holiness?
- b. Why doesn't God always break out against those who import creativity and innovation into the worship of God?

D. Atonement (vv. 7-8, 10)

- 1. The Day of Atonement (v. 10): What is the Mercy Seat?

- a. Why is the blood sprinkled on the lid of the Ark/Box of Testimony so vital? What is below the lid (inside) and what is above the lid?
- b. What does the priest approach as he approaches the golden altar every day?
- c. Why does the priest smear blood on the horns of this altar?

2. Morning and Evening (vv. 7-8)

- a. Why is it strange to call this an altar? Why does God call it such?
- b. Why is the altar described here - after all the other instructions - instead of with the rest of the “indoor” furniture for the tabernacle?
- c. How do the golden altar and the bronze altar both foreshadow and correspond to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- d. How does Christ continue to pray for His people
- e. **Application**: Why must we pray in the Name of Jesus always?

III. Conclusion:

*The Hymn of Praise No. TH629.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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.*

Church Membership?

Prospective Member Seminar

Saturday, July 31 | Contact the Church Office
office@FPFO.org | 706.866.2521

A Membership Enquirers Class will be offered this summer. This is open to **anyone** who wants to learn about membership at FPFO as well as what it means to be part of a Reformed and Presbyterian Church. Please contact Ryan or Tami in the church office regarding scheduling if you're interested.

Summer Guest Preacher Series



Rev. Dr. Henry Krabbendam | July 4, 2021 | 10:45 a.m.
“The Lord’s Supper versus Independence”

As we return to the Lord’s table together as one congregation, Dr Krabbendam will help us to marvel at the blessing of the Supper and how it expresses our utter dependence on Christ and His complete sufficiency for all our needs. Dr Krabbendam is a retired Covenant College professor and a minister in the OPC.

Rev. Mark Robinson | July 11, 2021 | 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

“The Christian’s Identity in Union with Christ”

In this age of “Identity Politics,” Rev. Robinson will help us to refocus our minds and hearts on what must fundamentally define us as Christians: the new life we have together in Christ. Rev. Robinson teaches at Trinity Christian School in Pittsburgh and is a member of New York Metro Presbytery (PCA).



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 27, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

<https://www.fpfo.org/Mask21.pdf>

Masks (covering mouth and nose) are **required** for the 9:15 a.m. unless actively leading a portion of the service. Today is/was the last 9:15 a.m. service.

Masks are **recommended** for all other activities; a section of the auditorium in evening worship is reserved for those following public health guidance.

- + The Tennessee Valley Presbytery will meet here at FPFO on July 13. If you can help with serving and/or cleaning after lunch, refreshments, please let the office know.
- + On July 4 the Lord's Supper will be observed in the morning worship service. Please be preparing your heart to commune with Christ by faith.
- + We hope to resume Sunday school for all ages in the coming months. If you are willing to help with Sunday school for children, adults, or youth, please contact the church office so we can begin to plan.
- + All are invited to the Wilson home (8590 N. Highway 27, Rock Spring, GA) for the annual "July 4th" celebration on Saturday, **July 3rd** at **5 pm**. Bring a picnic supper to share and a chair to sit in. Note the date is July 3rd, not July 4th.
- + Additional assistance with the technology for morning and evening worship is needed. Please let Ryan know if you are willing to serve in this area.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed tonight as part of evening worship.

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + To subscribe to the prayer list, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://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

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. KidsQuest (children)
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Kings of Israel (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)

*Livestream available at www.fpfo.org/live

While children are always welcome in worship, a nursery is available for children 3 and under.

Nursery June 27: Emma Wilson

Nursery July 4: Mary Lou Wilson