

# First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | January 18, 2026 | 6 o'clock

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## THE SESSION

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## THE DIACONATE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING (5:50 P.M.)

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE No. 172 ..... "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

\*THE INVOCATION

\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH ..... The Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by Him all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered death and was buried,  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures.  
and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;*

*and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.*

*And we believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen*

\*THE LAW OF GOD..... Phil. 4:4-9

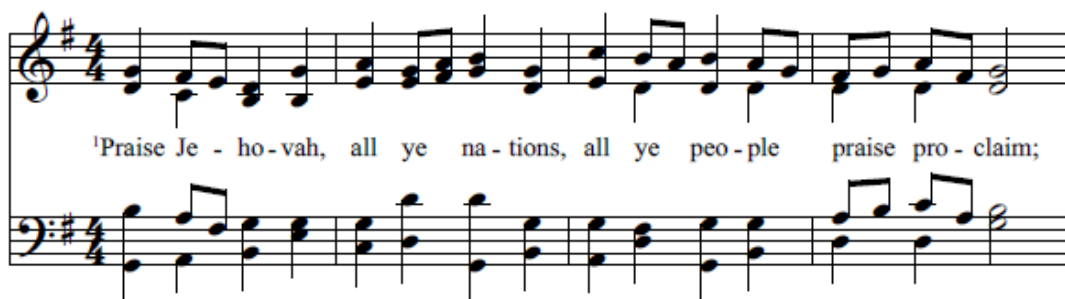
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

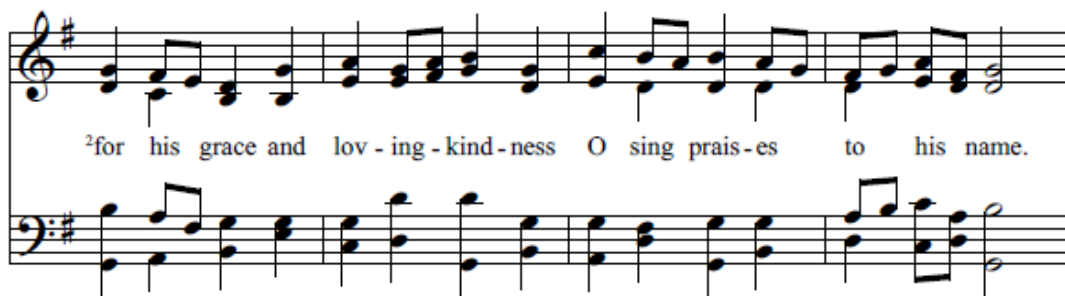
Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes suffered death upon the cross: Help us to bear about with us Your dying, and, in our living, to show forth Your life. Looking on You whom we have pierced, we would mourn for our sins with unfeigned sorrow; we would learn from You to forgive, with You to suffer, in You to overcome. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Your peace. Lord, we pray You, in Your great mercy, remember us when You come into Your kingdom.

## THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....	Acts 13:38-39
<p>Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this Man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by Him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.</p>	
THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING No. 164.....	“O for a Thousand Tongues”
THE SCRIPTURE READING .....	Matthew 9:35-58
THE SERMON .....	Rev. Jim Richter
<p>“A Heart for the Harvest”   Matt. 9:35-38   Pg. 764</p>	
*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 429 .....	“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”
<p>WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH</p> <p>THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION</p> <p>THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION</p> <p>THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS</p> <p>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</p>	
*The Psalm Of Thanksgiving No. 117.....	“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations!” (p. 6)
*THE BENEDICTION	
*THE RESPONSE No. 733 .....	“Doxology”



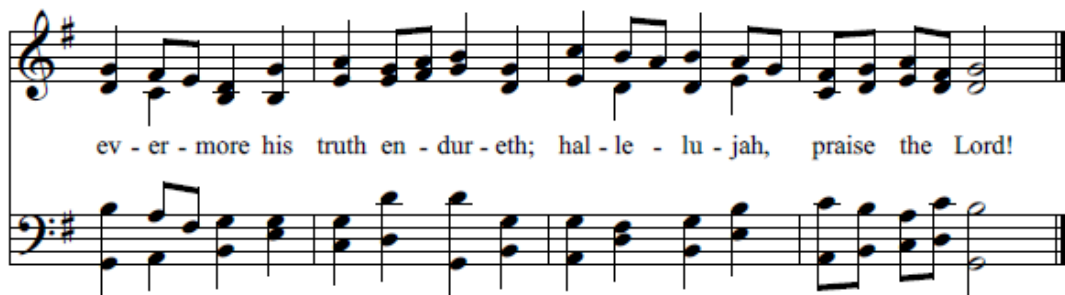
<sup>1</sup>Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;



<sup>2</sup>for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.



For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;



ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!

*The Psalter, 1912*

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.  
Traditional Netherlands melody, 1710  
arr. Julius Röntgen, ca. 1906

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## SERMON NOTES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 18, 2026

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Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to [office@fpfo.org](mailto:office@fpfo.org).

- ❖ We welcome Rev. James Richter to the pulpit today. James "Jim" Richter is an Honorably Retired Teaching Elder member of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery. He retired at the end of 2018 after 37 years serving as a pastor of three PCA congregations, the last for 16 years as senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian in Johnson City, Tennessee. Jim is married to Linda. They live in Lookout Mountain, TN.
  - ❖ Nominations for church office (Elder & Deacon) are being accepted in the month of January. Please be in prayer asking God to raise up additional officers to serve this congregation and to grant discernment in the nomination process.
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### **Qualifications for Elders, 1 Tim. 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

### **Qualifications for Deacons, 1 Tim. 3:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup> Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup> For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.