

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | APRIL 23, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

The Welcome and Announcements

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



The Introit “Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing” (Trinity Hymnal No. 270)

***The Call to Worship**

~ God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

***The Psalm of Praise No. TH66 “God is Known among His People” (Psalm 76)**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 12**

Q. What are the decrees of God?

A. *God’s decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of His will, whereby, from all eternity, He hath, for His own glory, unchangeably fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Law of God.....Galatians 3:21–22

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

God Is Known among His People

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In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. Ps. 76:1

1. God is known a - mong his peo - ple, ev - ery mouth his praise - es fill;
 2. Ex - cel - lent and glo - rious are you, with your tro - phies from the fray;
 3. When from heav'n your sen - tence sound - ed, all the earth in fear was still,
 4. Vow and pay un - to Je - ho - vah, him your God for - ev - er own;

from of old he has es - tab - lished his a - bode on Zi - on's hill;
 you have slain the might - y war - riors, wrapped in sleep of death are they;
 while to save the meek and low - ly God in judg - ment wrought his will;
 all men, bring your gifts be - fore him, wor - ship him, and him a - lone;

there he broke the sword and ar - row, bade the noise of war be still.
 when your an - ger once is ris - en, who can stand in that dread day?
 e'en the wrath of man shall praise you, your de - signs it shall ful - fil.
 might - y kings o - bey and fear him, princ - es bow be - fore his throne.

The Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our sinful thoughts, our sinful words, and our sinful deeds. Our sicknesses and diseases derive from Adam's sins and ours. We often forget Your love and Your commandments; we often grieve and quench Your Spirit. But O Father, we cry to You for mercy; for saving faith; for cleansing faith; for healing faith for our soul. Help us to glory in the gospel promises, that we may live in freedom from condemnation. Help us to walk according to Your precepts, that we may live in Your light and love. We pray on the basis of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonPsalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 91....."Who With God Most High" (pages 2-3)

1. ¹Who with God Most High finds shel - ter, lives in God Al - might - y's shade.
2. God's truth is your shield and buck - ler; ⁵you will fear no ill by night,
3. ⁹You have made the LORD your ref - uge, God Most High your dwell - ing place.
4. ¹³You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons, tread on all your dead - ly foes.

²I will say to God, "My God, my for - tress where my trust is stayed."
 nor the shafts in day - light fly - ing, ⁶nor dis - ease that shuns the light,
¹⁰No - thing e - vil shall be - fall you; near your tent no scourge you'll face.
¹⁴"Since he loves me, I will save him, keep him, for my name he knows;

³From the fowl - er's snare he'll save you, from the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
 nor the plague that wastes at noon - day. ⁷At your side ten thou - sand fall;
¹¹He will an - gels charge to keep you, guard you well in all your ways,
¹⁵I will hon - or, I will save him; when he calls, I will re - ply.

⁴Cov - er you with out - spread pin - ions, make his wings your con - fi - dence.
⁸you will on - ly see the judg - ment which the wick - ed will be - fall.
¹²bear you up with hands that hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.
¹⁶I will show him my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy."

The Offering.....2 Corinthians 8:9

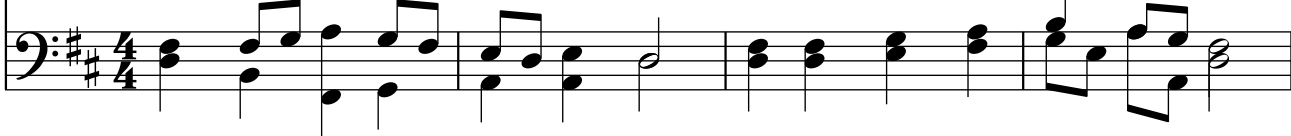
For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

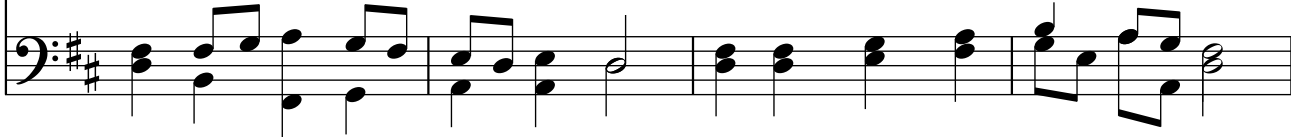
*The Psalm No. 2 "Why do Heathen Nations Rage?" (pages 4-5)



1. ¹Why do hea-then na - tions rage? Why do peo - ples plot in vain?
2. ⁴He who sits in heav - en laughs; God de - rides and mocks them all.
3. ⁷I will tell of his de - cree: this to me the LORD did say,
4. ¹⁰There - fore, kings, be wise, be warned; rul - ers of the earth, give ear.

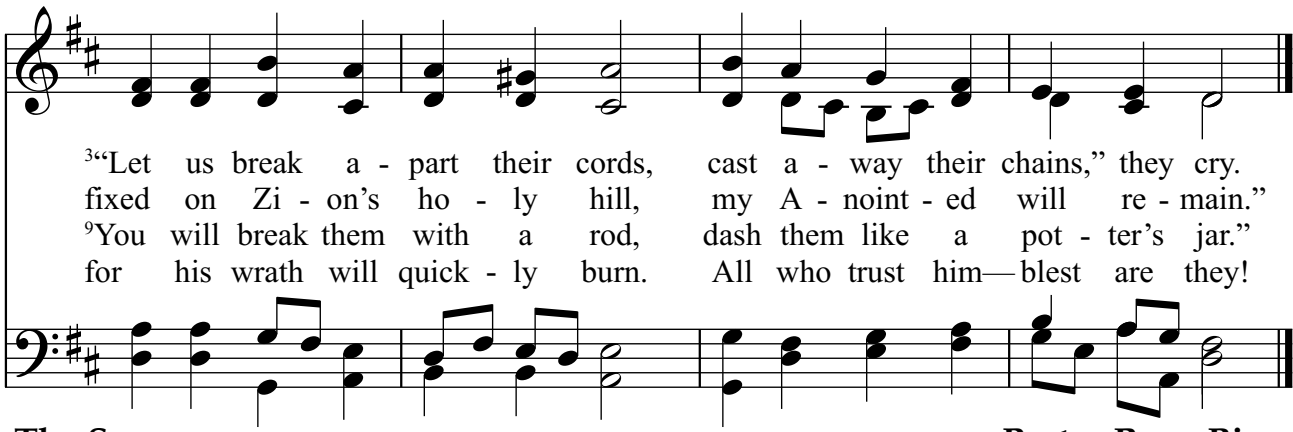


²Kings and rul - ers join to wage war a - gainst God's roy - al reign.
⁵Then he speaks to them in wrath, fear and dread on them do fall:
"You are my be - lov - ed Son; I have brought you forth this day.
¹¹Come with awe and serve the LORD: min - gle joy with trem - bling fear.



Speak - ing out a - gainst the LORD, his A - noint - ed they de - fy:
⁶"Yet ac - cord - ing to my will, I have set my king to reign,
⁸Ask for all the earth a - broad, you shall own the na - tions far.
¹²Kiss the Son, his an - ger turn, lest you per - ish in the way,





³“Let us break a - part their cords, cast a - way their chains,” they cry.
 fixed on Zi - on's ho - ly hill, my A - noint - ed will re - main.”
⁹You will break them with a rod, dash them like a pot - ter's jar.”
 for his wrath will quick - ly burn. All who trust him—blest are they!

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese

“Plotting & Predestination” | John 11:45-53 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 63 | p. 844

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction: How did the New Testament Church understand the rebels in Psalm 2?

II. Main Argument

A. Response to Lazarus (vv. 45-46)

1. The Faithful? (v. 45)

- a. How has the Saviour transformed many of the people who came with Mary?
- b. What is the twofold purpose of miracles?

2. The Gossips (v. 46)

- a. In what sense are the words and deeds of Jesus a cause of division?
- b. **Application: *Be grateful if your heart is not hardened.***

B. Concern for Safety (vv. 47-50)

1. Exasperated Reflection (v. 47)

- a. Who was on the Jewish Senate or Sanhedrin?
- b. How does the Senate meeting begin?

- c. How does the Sanhedrin assess Jesus' miracles?
- d. What is the particular reason the Sanhedrin moves against Jesus?
- e. **Application: *Signs and wonders do not change hearts.***

2. **Self-Preservation (v. 48)**

- a. What concern unites the Sadducees and Pharisees?
- b. How do we know they are approaching hysteria?
- c. What is the concern about *place* and *nation*?
- d. In what sense are they concerned about the wrong power?

3. **Cynical Proposal (vv. 49-50)**

- a. What does Joseph tell us about the way the Sadducees treated one another? How is that reflected here?
- b. How does Caiaphas help the Sanhedrin to jettison the last vestige of concern for righteousness, truth, and justice?
- c. How is this counsel the high point of irony in John's Gospel?
- d. **Application: *The fruitlessness of bare religion...***
- e. **Application: *The Wicked often cloak their true intentions.***

C. Substitute Prepared (vv. 51-53)

1. Substitutionary Atonement (v. 51)

- a. How can Caiaphas speak both out of his own wicked, cynical heart and the truth of God?

- b. What is the content of the prophecy Caiaphas gives?

2. Nations Gathered (v. 52)

- a. How does this recall the language of John's prologue?

- b. How does this offer assurance and comfort to people like us?

3. Conspiracy (v. 53)

- a. When will Jesus die?

- b. **Application: *The Lord frustrates the plans of the wicked.***

III. Conclusion:

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 355 "We Are God's People"

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 "The Gloria Patri"

Moms Encouragement Lunch

Thursday, April 27 | 12:30-2:30 p.m. | Childcare Provided
Come relax and talk. To adults. Without being asked to fix a snack.

We Are God's People

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We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Ps. 100:3

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.

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

SYMPHONY 11.11.8.6.8.9.
 From Johannes Brahms, *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*, 1876
 Arr. by Fred Bock, 1976

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 23, 2023

- + The deacons have requested food and drinks no longer be brought into the auditorium. Tables and chairs are provided in the fellowship hall.
- + Starting in May, the Kindergarten & Elementary Midweek Program will focus on singing. Elder Davis will lead the children in learning to sing hymns and songs about Bible truths and Bible stories.
- + If you would like to provide flowers for the communion table at any time, Elaine Bosshardt or Angela Bandy will gladly add you to the schedule.
- + When corresponding with the church secretary, please do not use her personal email. Please direct all such correspondence to **office@fpfo.org**.
- + This year for Operation Christmas Child, we are focusing on filling boxes for 10-14 year old boys, a frequently under-served age group. For April, please consider bringing items such as soccer balls (deflated) and pumps, Nerf balls, fishing lines, weights, and/or hooks, as well as playing cards.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + 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 box 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

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
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
(excluding First Sundays)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting
5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:45-7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. *KidsQuest* (children)
6:45-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Gospel of John
On First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays
there is outreach at the Crossings Apts.

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

Nursery April 23: L. Bible & M. Tuggle

April 30: E. Tuggle & A. Wilson