

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | AUGUST 27, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



*The Call to Worship

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

*The Hymn of Praise No. TH53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Nos. 62-63

Q. Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

A. *Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are all imperfect and stained with sin.*

Q. How can our good works be said to merit nothing when God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

A. *This reward is not merited; it is a gift of grace.*

The Call to Confession 2 Corinthians 6:16-18


What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty


Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2



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
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



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
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



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
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - 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!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

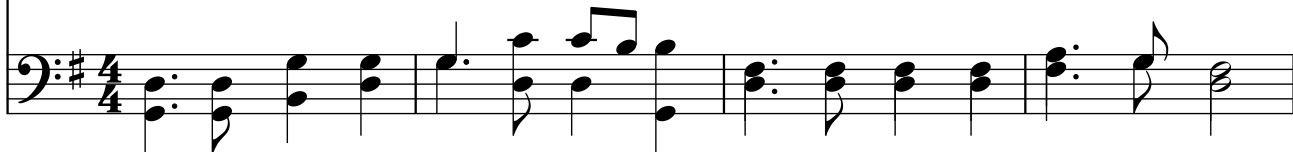
The Assurance of Pardon1 Peter 1:18–19

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 92.....“It is Good to Sing” (pages 2-3)



1. It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most High,
2. You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have wrought;
3. But the good shall live be-fore you, plant-ed in your dwell-ing place,

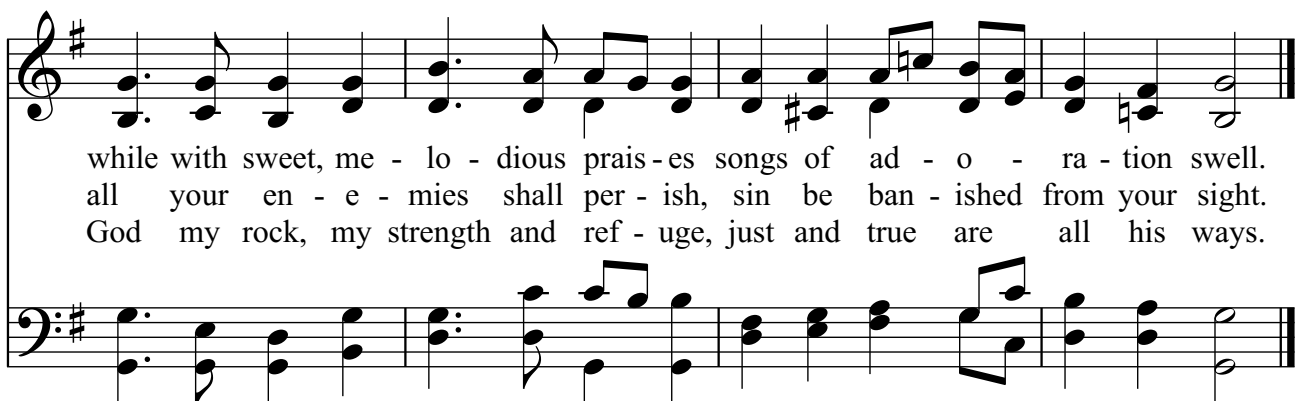


show-ing forth your lov-ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the sky.
you have made my life vic-to-rious, great your works and deep your thought.
fruit-ful trees and ev-er-ver-dant, nour-ished by your bound-less grace.





It is good, when night is fall - ing, of your faith - ful - ness to tell,
 You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;
 In his good - ness to the righ - teous God his righ - teous - ness dis - plays;



while with sweet, me - lo - dious prais - es songs of ad - o - ra - tion swell.
 all your en - e - mies shall per - ish, sin be ban - ished from your sight.
 God my rock, my strength and ref - uge, just and true are all his ways.

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

The Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 9:6-7

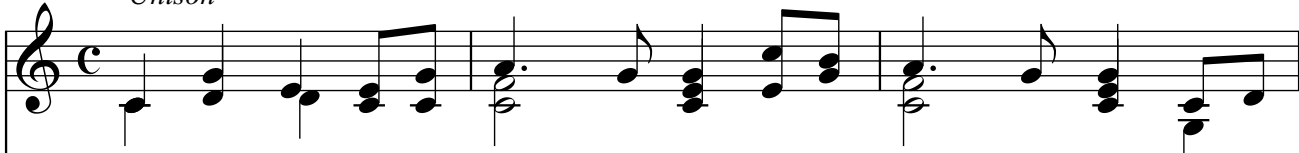
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The Offertory

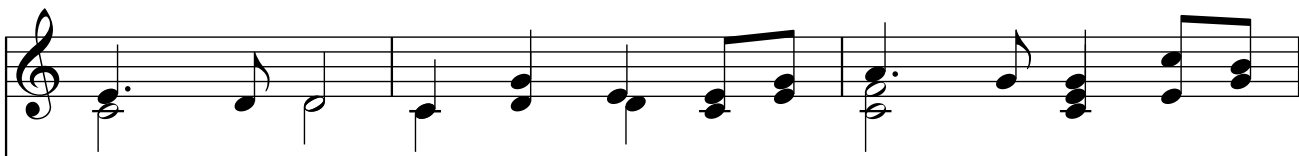
The Great Prayer.....Ryan Biese

***The Hymn“Speak, O Lord”(pages 4-5)**

Unison



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your





seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,
 eyes to see your ma-jes-tic love and au-thor-i-ty. Words of pow'r
 prom-is-es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,
 and ful-fill in us all your pur-pos-es for your glo-ry.
 that can nev-er fail, let their truth pre-vail o-ver un-be-lief.
 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo-ry.

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“Mark of Discipleship” | John 13:31-35 | p. 847 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 78

SERMON NOTES

A. Glory of the Son (vv. 31-32)

1. Burden Lifted (v. 31)

- a. In what way was Judas a burden?
- b. To what subject does Jesus immediately turn after Judas leaves?

2. The Cross Glorifies the Son of Man (v. 31)

- a. What is proven on the cross?
- b. What are three ways Jesus is glorified on the Cross?

3. The Cross Glorifies God the Father (vv. 31-32)

a. Why did God the Father send His beloved Son into the world?

b. In what sense are all God's attributes glorified in Christ's Crucifixion?

4. The Glory of the Father and Son (v. 32)

B. Departure of the Son (v. 33)

1. Preparing for Departure

2. Where They Cannot Go

a. How is Jesus' statement here to His disciples both similar and different from what He said to the religious leaders?

b. Why can His disciples not go where He is going?

C. Love of the Disciples (vv. 34-35)

1. A New Commandment

a. In what sense is this command not new?

b. What is new about this commandment?

2. The Nature of the New Command

a. Simplicity

b. Wideness

c. Difficulty

d. Motivation

e. Priority of the Command

3. Jesus' Timing: What makes the New Covenant so different from the old?

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. 6:3

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
 2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
 3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;

all on earth your scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
 proph - ets swell the glad re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,

In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
 and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Based on *Te Deum*, ca. 4th cent.
 Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774
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Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. TH103....."Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 "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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 27, 2023

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of morning worship next Lord's Day. A fellowship meal will follow morning worship; please bring a dish to share.
- + Drivers are needed to help shuttle Covenant College students back and forth on Lord's Days. If you are willing to serve in this area, please let Ryan know.
- + This year for Operation Christmas Child, we are focusing on filling boxes for 10 - 14 yr old boys, a frequently under-served age group. For August, please consider bringing items such as pencils, sm. pencil sharpeners, pencil bags (not boxes), sm. rulers (6 inch), colored pencils, ink pens, erasers, and sm. spiral notebooks.
- + On August 30 at 6:30 p.m. the Session and WiC (Women in the Church) will hold their monthly meetings. Supper and youth activities will meet, but there will be no children's singing class or regular prayer meeting. Please note the date change.

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 offering plate, by mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.fppo.org/give).

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:20 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
6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class
6:30 p.m. Youth & Young Adult
Defending the Faith by RC Sproul
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 Aug. 27: B. Rowan & M. Tuggle

Sept. 3: A. Bandy & Sarah Wilson