

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia
Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament
The Lord's Day | May 17, 2026 | 6 o'clock
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THE SESSION

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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 17, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-2

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE 81A..... "Sing Aloud to God Our Strength" (pg. 6-7)

*THE INVOCATION

*THE LAW OF GODRomans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, we come before You acknowledging that we have sinned. Though your Word promises that nothing can separate us from Your love, we confess that we have lived as if that love were fickle. We have allowed trouble, distress, and the anxieties

of this world to make us doubt Your care. We confess, Lord, that when facing hardship, we have failed to act as "more than conquerors" through Christ who loves us. Instead of finding strength, we have succumbed to fear and distrust. We have neglected our standing in grace, living in self-reliance rather than in the security of your grace. We have allowed temporary circumstances—things present and fears of things to come—to drive a wedge between our hearts and Your truth. Forgive us for questioning Your devotion and for failing to trust that You are with us and for us. Lord, in Your mercy, cleanse us from our unbelief. Remind us that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, nor any power on earth or in heaven can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. In His Name we pray. Amen,

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

THE HYMN No. 691 "It Is Well with My Soul"

THE SERMON..... Rev. Jim Richter
"An Evening Psalm" | Psalm 4:1-8 | Pg. 419

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 509 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

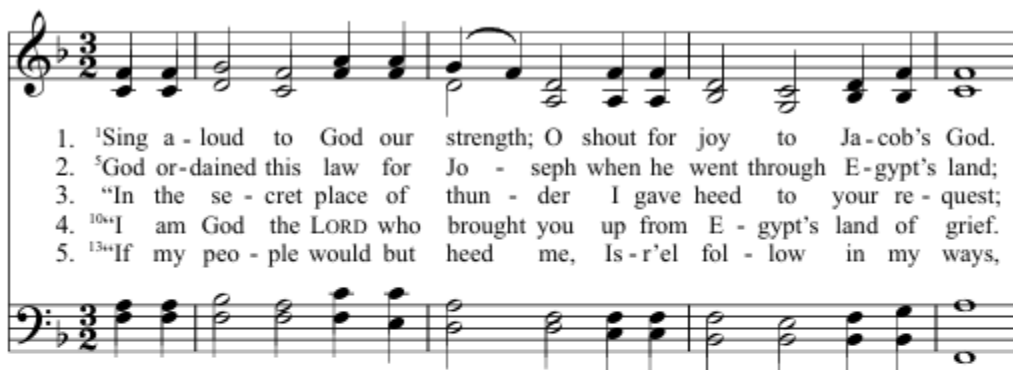
*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING No. 693 “Blessed Assurance”

*THE BENEDICTION

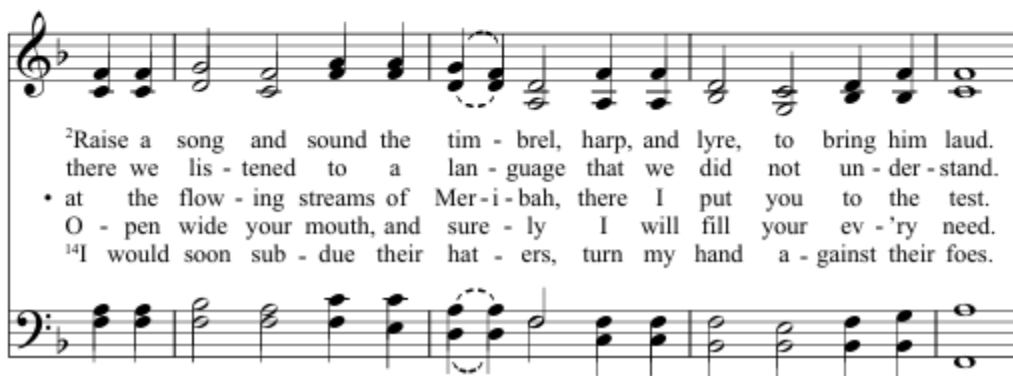
*THE RESPONSEPsalm 71:18-19

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.
For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.

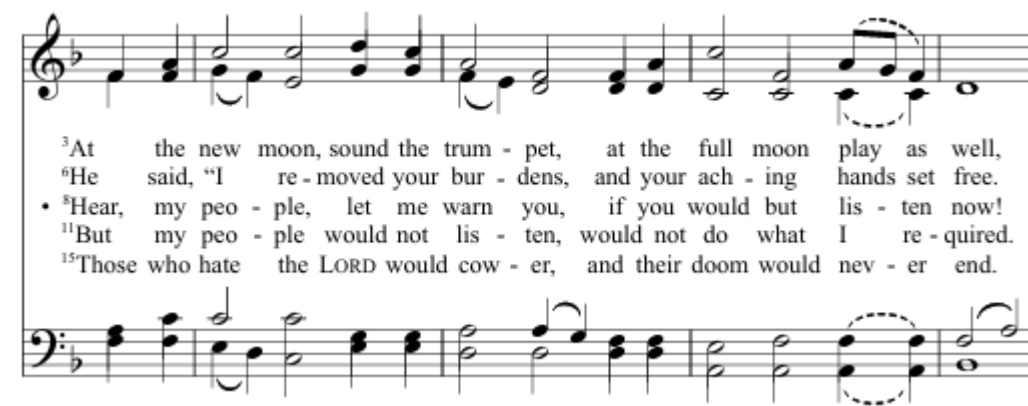
Psalm 81A



1. ¹Sing a - loud to God our strength; O shout for joy to Ja - cob's God.
2. ⁵God or - dained this law for Jo - seph when he went through E - gypt's land;
3. "In the se - cret place of thun - der I gave heed to your re - quest;
4. ^{10a}I am God the LORD who brought you up from E - gypt's land of grief.
5. ^{13a}If my peo - ple would but heed me, Is - r'el fol - low in my ways,



²Raise a song and sound the tim - brel, harp, and lyre, to bring him laud.
there we lis - tened to a lan - guage that we did not un - der - stand.
• at the flow - ing streams of Mer - i - bah, there I put you to the test.
O - pen wide your mouth, and sure - ly I will fill your ev - 'ry need.
¹⁴I would soon sub - due their hat - ers, turn my hand a - gainst their foes.



³At the new moon, sound the trum - pet, at the full moon play as well,
⁶He said, "I re - moved your bur - dens, and your ach - ing hands set free.
• ⁸Hear, my peo - ple, let me warn you, if you would but lis - ten now!
¹¹But my peo - ple would not lis - ten, would not do what I re - quired.
¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cow - er, and their doom would nev - er end.

⁴at the feast by God ap - point - ed and de - creed for Is - ra - el.
⁷I de - liv - ered you from trou - ble when you sought me for re - lief.
 • ⁹No strange god shall be a - mong you; to a false god do not bow.
¹²So I gave them up to fol - low what their stub - born hearts de - sired.
¹⁶But with fin - est wheat I'd feed you, hon - ey from the rock I'd send."

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