

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 7, 2024 | 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. 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

*The Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (p. 845)

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

The Call to Confession 1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

The Prayer of Confession

Father, no one can forgive sins except you alone. No one can determine what is a sin except you alone. We confess that, according to your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against you this past week, and we seek your cleansing and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved you as we ought. We have neglected to glorify you in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to you. For these sins, we ask your pardon. Mercy and truth go before your face. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to you belongs great mercy. We come to you now, Father, seeking your free pardon in Christ, Jesus, our Lord. In His strong name we pray.

The Silent Confession

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

♩ C F C Am Dm G C 7 Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

C F Dm G C F E 7 C F C Dm G C 7

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 5:1-2

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

*The Psalm No. 66“O Shout to God with Joy” (pages 2-3)



1. ¹O shout to God with joy, all earth, ²the glo - ry of his
2. ⁵O come and see what God has done; how awe - some in his
3. ⁸O peo - ples, bless our God and sound ⁹his praise, who makes our
4. ¹³I come with of - f'rings to your house; and there per - form to
5. ¹⁶Come, all who fear the Lord, draw near; what God has done for

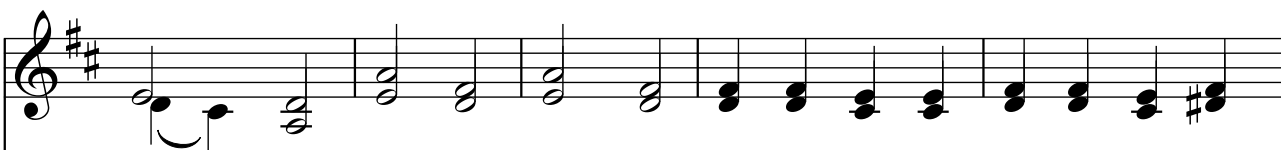


name sing forth, and give him glo - rious prais - es! ³Now say to God, “How
deeds to men is God a - mong the na - tions. ⁶He turned the sea to
• life a - bound and keeps our feet from fall - ing. ¹⁰Like sil - ver in a
you the vows ¹⁴my lips sin - cere - ly ut - tered. My mouth de - clared in
me, now hear: ¹⁷I cried to him and praised him. ¹⁸If sin took hold with -

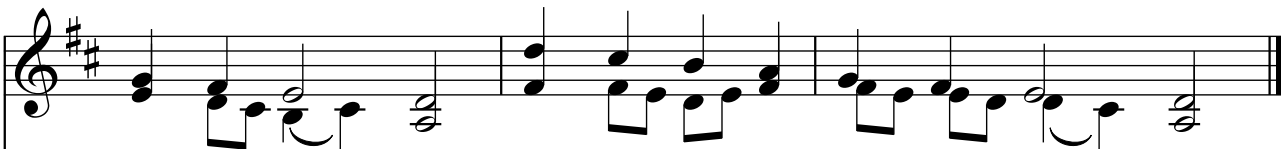
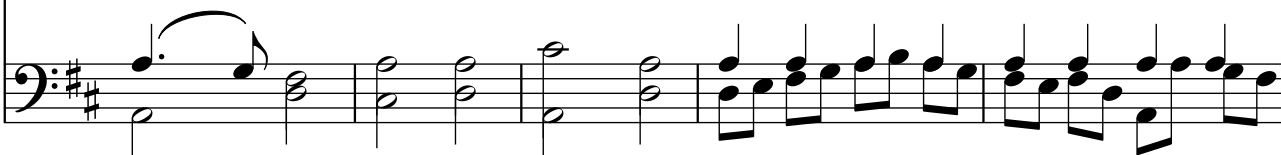




great your deeds, so great in pow'r, your en - e - mies will cringe be - fore your
des - ert land; we crossed by foot on riv - er sand and there sang ju - bi -
• fur - nace tried, you test - ed us and pur - i - fied; ¹¹you caught us in your
suf - fer - ing that I will bring burnt of - fer - ings—the fat and choic - est
in my heart, my pray'r the Lord would not re - gard, ¹⁹but tru - ly God has



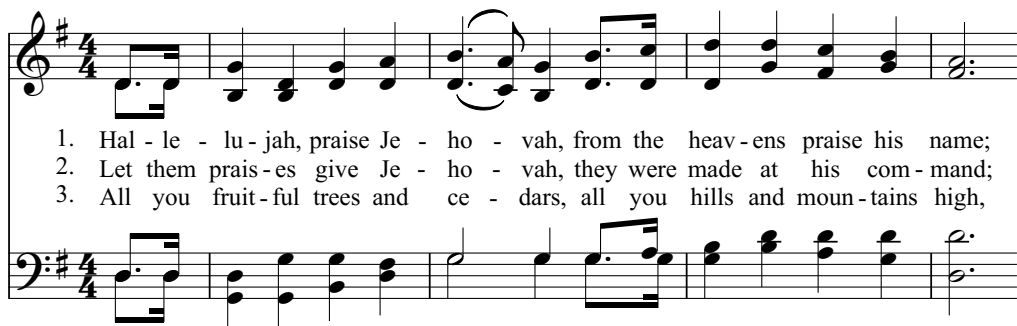
pres - ence. ⁴Praise him! Praise him!—all the earth with voic - es ring - ing,
la - tion. ⁷King for - ev - er, God in watch - ful ob - ser - va - tion
• net - ting. You, Lord, crushed us—¹²fire and wa - ter came up - on us,
crea - tures. ¹⁵Here I of - fer with the smoke of sac - ri - fic - es
lis - tened. ²⁰Bless him! Bless him! God has not de - spised the need - y;



wor - ship bring - ing. Prais - es to your name they're sing - ing."
rules the na - tions. Let no reb - el rise a - gainst him!
• men rode o'er us. Yet to boun - ty you have brought us!
all my prais - es. Bulls and goats I bring in ser - vice.
he has heard me. God has not re - moved his mer - cy!



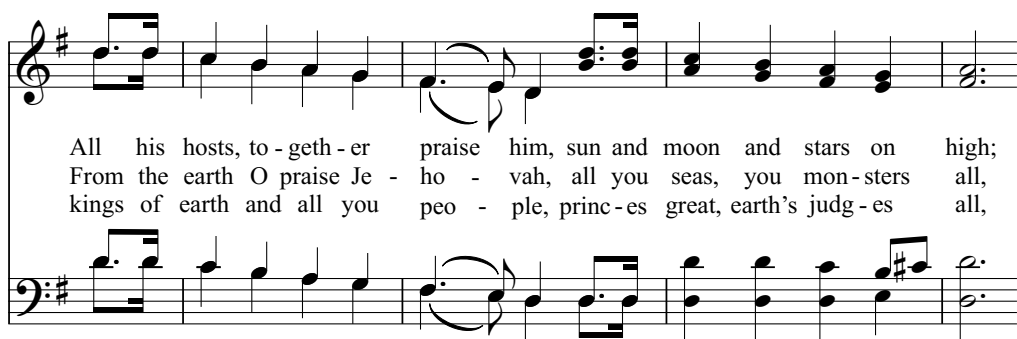
Psalm 148B



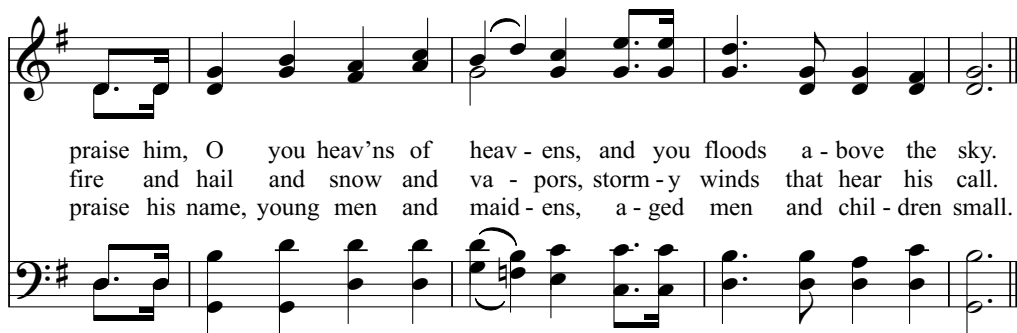
1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, from the heav - ens praise his name;
2. Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, they were made at his com - mand;
3. All you fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, all you hills and moun - tains high,



praise Je - ho - vah in the high - est, all his an - gels, praise pro - claim.
them for - ev - er he es - tab - lished, his de - cree shall ev - er stand.
creep - ing things and beasts and cat - tle, birds that in the heav - ens fly,



All his hosts, to - geth - er praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;
From the earth O praise Je - ho - vah, all you seas, you mon - sters all,
kings of earth and all you peo - ple, princ - es great, earth's judg - es all,



praise him, O you heav'ns of heav - ens, and you floods a - bove the sky.
fire and hail and snow and va - pors, storm - y winds that hear his call.
praise his name, young men and maid - ens, a - ged men and chil - dren small.

Refrain

Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, for his
Let them prais - es

name a - lone is high, and his glo - ry is ex -
and his glo - ry

alt - ed, and his glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, and his
and his glo - ry

glo - ry is ex - alt - ed far a - bove the earth and sky.
and his glo - ry

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~
The Offering Encouragement to Give.....Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory
in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

*The Psalm No. TH110....."Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (Psalm 148)

The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

"Life in Christ" | John 15:1-11 | Page 848 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 93

SERMON NOTES

A. Maturing Branches (vv. 1-6)

1. Two Comforts

2. Slowness of Sanctification

3. Warning Against Fruitlessness

4. Doctrine for Living

B. Living for God's Glory (vv. 7-8)

1. Words that Abide

2. One Specific Fruit

3. Proving Salvation

C. The Saviour's Love (vv. 9-10)

1. The Nature of His Love

2. The Means of Abiding in His Love

D. The Joy of Life (v. 11)

1. Not a Joyless Obedience

2. Experience of His Joy

3. Why Did Jesus Go to the Cross?

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Response No. 472.....“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God’s People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 117.....“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 6)

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733“The Doxology”

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

²for 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!

NEW YEAR'S LADIES LUNCH

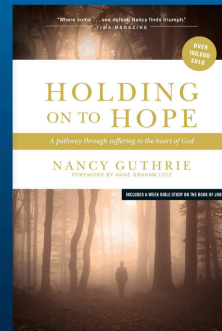
Saturday, January 13

*Please sign up in the fellowship hall or email Sandra Taylor.
Lunch provided; please bring a dessert to share.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Suffering can overshadow everything and threaten to pull us under. Nancy Guthrie's **Holding On to Hope** offers an uplifting perspective from the Book of Job, not only for those experiencing monumental loss, but for anyone going through difficulty and failure.*

Fortnightly on Saturdays | 9:00 a.m.
Contact Susan Wilson for more details.
Starts January 6, 2024



THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH THE PEOPLE RESTORED THE KING RETURNS

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.*
Zechariah 9:9

6:00 p.m. Lord's Day Evenings in January | First Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 7, 2024

- + Evening worship resumes next to begin a sermon series in Zechariah; you are encouraged to worship with another local congregation tonight!
- + Nominations for church office (Elder & Deacon) will be accepted during the month of January. Please be in prayer asking God to raise up additional officers to serve this congregation and to grant *you* discernment on whether to nominate a man for church office.
- + Congregational Forum on January 14, 2023! The budget will be presented to the congregation as well as other updates on the life of First Presbyterian Church and our hopes to plan for the future and receive feedback from the congregation.
- + Each week on Thursday mornings starting at 6:30, Bill Henshall leads a men's study at the church. This is in conjunction with the Christian Business Men's Connection. All the men of FPFO are welcome to join.

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

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
6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Song Class

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: Jan. 7: M.L. Wilson & L. Bible

Jan. 14: J. Porter & A. Wilson