

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | MAY 25, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

*The Call to Worship

*The Psalm of Praise No. TH66.....“God Is Known Among His People” (Psa. 76)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 6

Q. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. *There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.*

Presentation of New Members: Pat & Linda Murphy

- ❖ Biblical Explanation
- ❖ Vows of Membership
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Benediction

The Law of GodHebrews 13:1-16

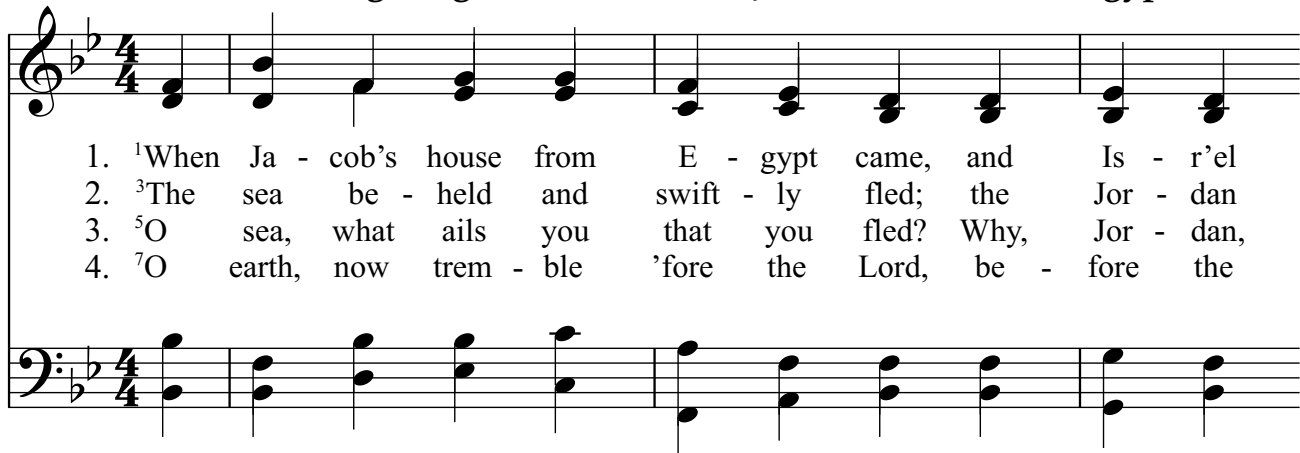
The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, You have told us in Your Word that You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ and chosen us in Him before You even created the world, to be holy and blameless in Your sight. We are thankful for our high position in Christ, but we confess to You that we have failed to live up to that holy and blameless position. We have sinned daily against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed. We confess our sins are the reason Jesus suffered and died. Forgive us for our manifold sins against You, and cause us to grow into the people You created us to be by the power of Your blessed Holy Spirit. In Christ’s Name we pray.

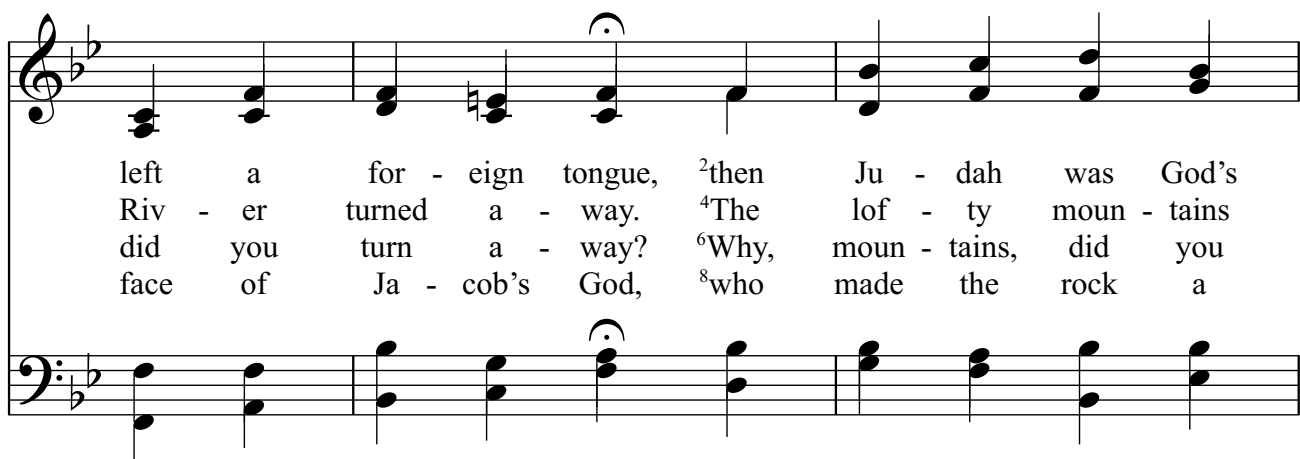
The Assurance of PardonRomans 8:31–33

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.

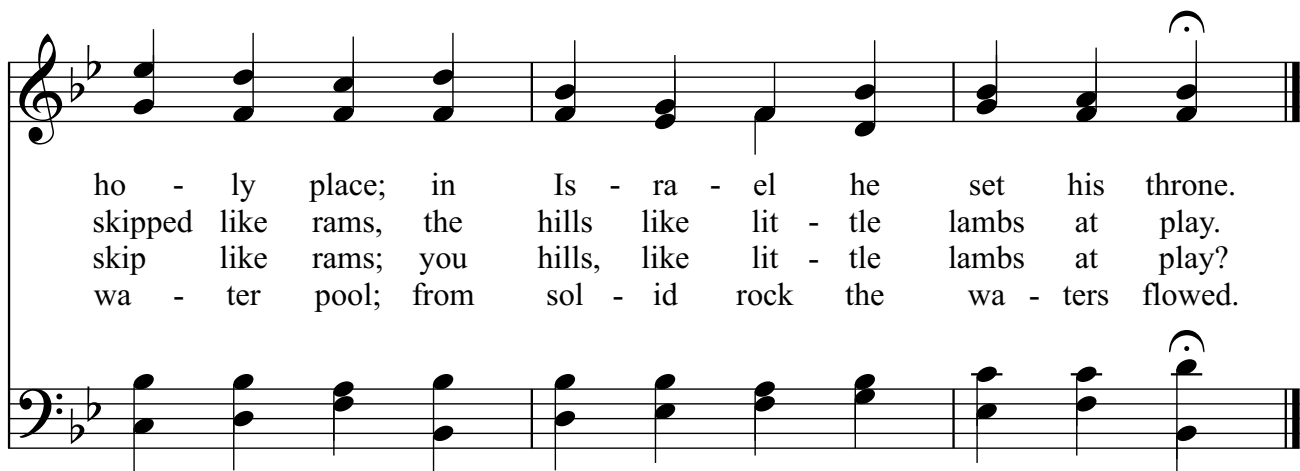
*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 114 .. "When Jacob's House from Egypt Came"



1. ¹When Ja - cob's house from E - gypt came, and Is - r'el
2. ³The sea be - held and swift - ly fled; the Jor - dan
3. ⁵O sea, what ails you that you fled? Why, Jor - dan,
4. ⁷O earth, now trem - ble 'fore the Lord, be - fore the



left a for - eign tongue, ²then Ju - dah was God's
Riv - er turned a - way. ⁴The lof - ty moun - tains
did you turn a - way? ⁶Why, moun - tains, did you
face of Ja - cob's God, ⁸who made the rock a



ho - ly place; in Is - ra - el he set his throne.
skipped like rams, the hills like lit - tle lambs at play.
skip like rams; you hills, like lit - tle lambs at play?
wa - ter pool; from sol - id rock the wa - ters flowed.

The Offering and Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:8–9

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. 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 Old Testament ReadingExodus 6

The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers

***The Psalm No. 42“As the Deer Pants for the Waters” (pp. 6-7)**

The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

“The Same...” | Ephesians 2:17-22 | p. 918 | *The Riches of God in Christ* No. 18

Sermon Notes

A. Announcement (v. 17)

1. The Preacher

2. The People

3. The Peace

B. Benefits (v. 18)

1. Access *in* Christ

2. Together

3. Spirit

C. Cornerstone (vv. 19-21)

1. Setting
2. Citizens & Sons (v. 19)
3. Foundation (v. 20a)
4. Christ (v. 20b)
5. Great Temple (v. 21)

D. Dwelling (v. 22)

1. Covenant Access
2. Spirit of Holiness

E. Exhortation

***The Psalm of Commitment No. 347“The Church’s One Foundation”
The Benediction
*The Response No. 735“The Gloria Patri”**

A Note About the Hymns

This morning we reach the climax of Paul's argument regarding the New Humanity God has created in Christ, the Second Adam. The people of Christ are formed not merely into a new kingdom, but ultimately into a Temple for God Himself to dwell in the midst of His holy ones.

We begin our worship singing from Psalm 76 and join the Old Covenant Church in praising God for His steadfast protection and presence in the Church. Because of the benefits God has given to us, we call all people to worship Him.

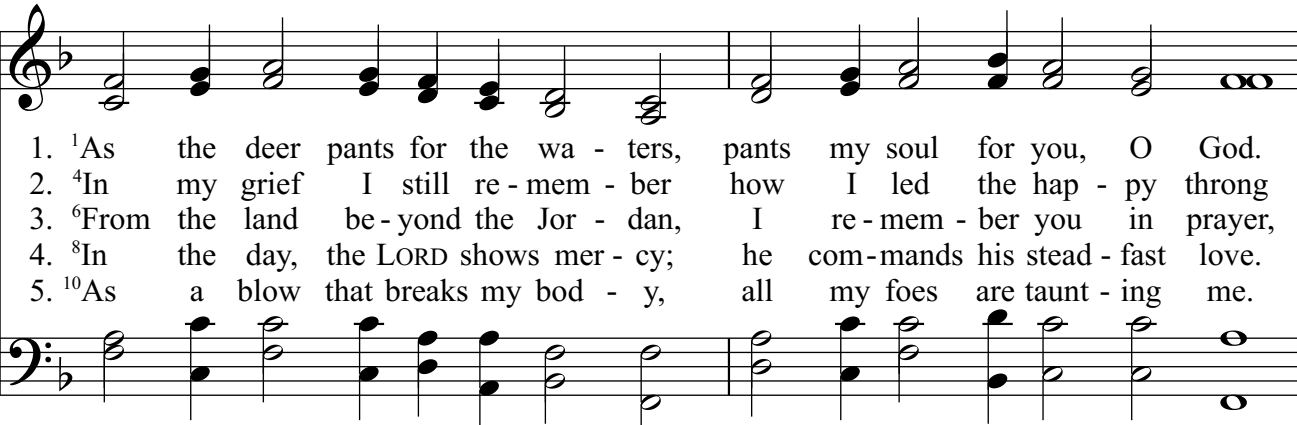
In response to the assurance of pardon, we unite our voices in singing Psalm 114 in which we praise God for the mercies He showed to His people particularly in redeeming them from slavery and providing for them in the wilderness. The psalmist also singles out how God made His dwelling place in the midst of His people. God's dwelling in Judah and Israel in the tabernacle and later temple were a foretaste of how God dwells with His Church by His Spirit under the New Covenant and ultimately in the New Creation when He gathers all His saints near.

In our final preparation for the preaching, we sing from Psalm 42 in which we meditate upon how God has enabled our hearts to yearn for Him. Obviously, our hearts are created for fellowship with God, but only when we are made spiritually alive do we recognize God is the answer to all our yearnings and in Him do we find complete satisfaction and peace.

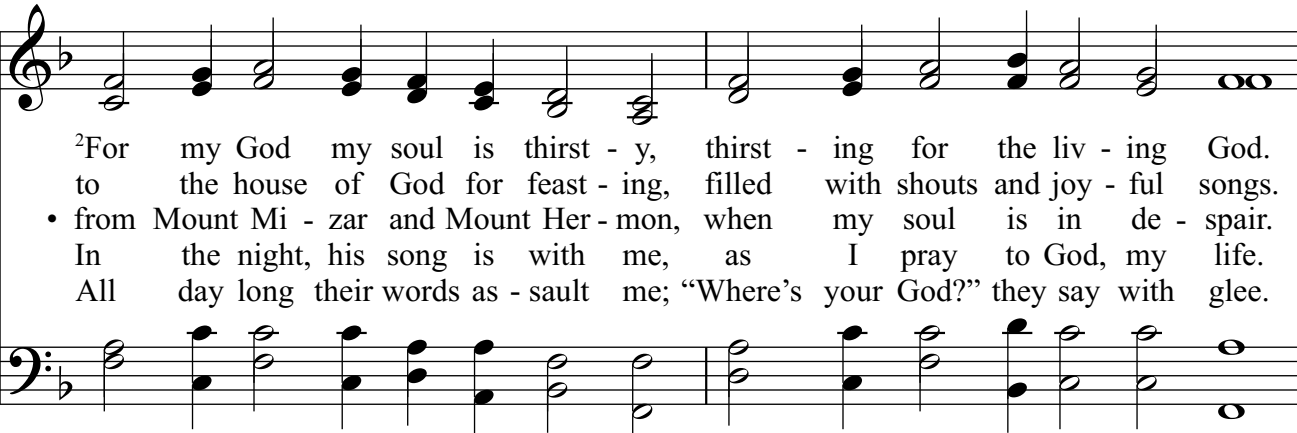
The psalmist, however, is aware this life is full of trials and adversaries who rob us of communion with God. In such seasons, the Scripture becomes all the more precious, because it confronts us with what is true, despite what our enemies or circumstances tell us. In Psalm 42, the psalmist anticipates and longs for precisely what Christ has done as Paul summarizes it in Ephesians 2:11ff: bring the people of God into the presence of God forevermore.

In response to the preaching, we sing together "The Church's One Foundation," dwelling upon the unity and blessing found in the Church as well as struggles and ultimate victory of the Church. The Church is built upon the "foundation of the apostles and prophets," and it is Christ who is the substance of all their ministry.

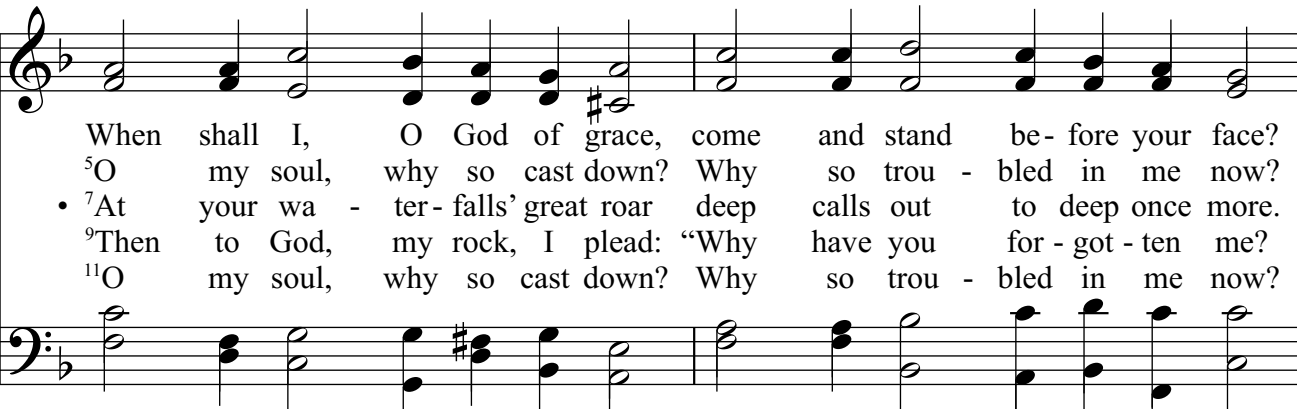
Psalm 42A



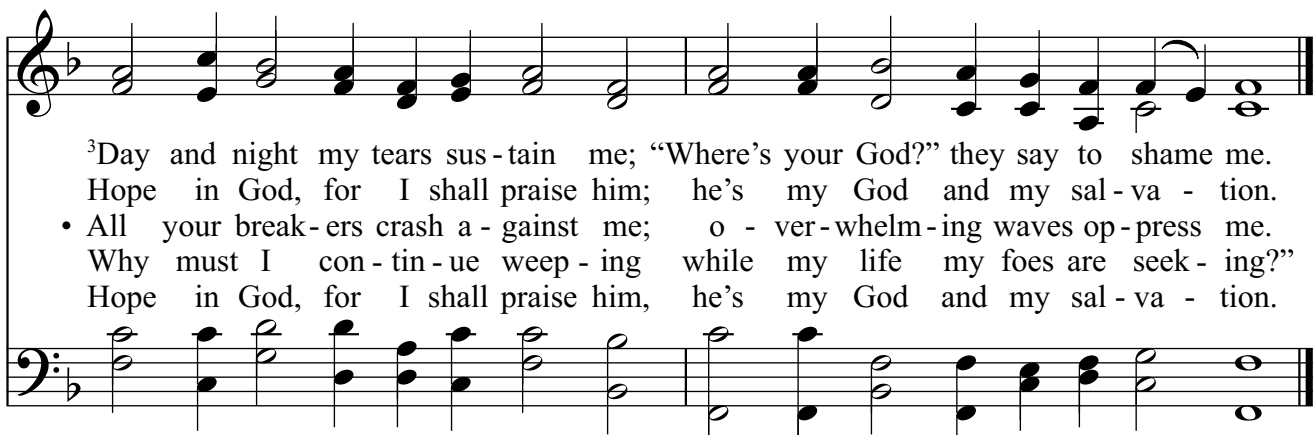
1. ¹As the deer pants for the wa - ters, pants my soul for you, O God.
 2. ⁴In my grief I still re - mem - ber how I led the hap - py throng
 3. ⁶From the land be - yond the Jor - dan, I re - mem - ber you in prayer,
 4. ⁸In the day, the LORD shows mer - cy; he com - mands his stead - fast love.
 5. ¹⁰As a blow that breaks my bod - y, all my foes are taunt - ing me.



²For my God my soul is thirst - y, thirst - ing for the liv - ing God.
 to the house of God for feast - ing, filled with shouts and joy - ful songs.
 • from Mount Mi - zar and Mount Her - mon, when my soul is in de - spair.
 In the night, his song is with me, as I pray to God, my life.
 All day long their words as - sault me; "Where's your God?" they say with glee.



When shall I, O God of grace, come and stand be - fore your face?
⁵O my soul, why so cast down? Why so trou - bled in me now?
 • ⁷At your wa - ter - falls' great roar deep calls out to deep once more.
⁹Then to God, my rock, I plead: "Why have you for - got - ten me?
¹¹O my soul, why so cast down? Why so trou - bled in me now?"



³Day and night my tears sus-tain me; “Where’s your God?” they say to shame me.
 Hope in God, for I shall praise him; he’s my God and my sal-va-tion.
 • All your break-ers crash a-gainst me; o-ver-whelm-ing waves op-press me.
 Why must I con-tin-ue weep-ing while my life my foes are seek-ing?”
 Hope in God, for I shall praise him, he’s my God and my sal-va-tion.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

When the difficulties of life suggest that evil and chaos reign, we need to see that God occupies the throne in heaven and rules this world. Revelation: Hope in the Darkness by Scotty Smith reminds us that though these can be scary times, we have a champion Savior in Jesus Christ, who is with us and will one day make all things right.

Contact Susan Wilson for more details.
 Fortnightly on Saturdays | 9:00 a.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 25, 2025

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be **emailed** to **office@fpfo.org**.

- ❖ Please answer God’s call to worship this evening with us at 6:00 p.m. We will begin with our customary hymn sing at 5:50 p.m. So be ready with your requests!
- ❖ Please do not bring food or drinks into the auditorium. Snacks are provided for young children in the nursery as well as for all people before Sunday school.
- ❖ A nursing mothers room is provided for moms whose babies may need extra attention during worship. For parents whose little ones get a bit squirmy, the parlor is available as well. Audio of the worship service is provided in both rooms.
- ❖ The next Stated Session meeting is May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room. There will be no prayer meeting, Bible study, or children’s classes then.

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)

To submit prayer requests, email the church office or call 706-866-2521.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule	
The Lord's Day	Wednesday
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship	6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast	6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Song Class
WAAK 94.7 FM	
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	
(excluding First Sundays)	
Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.	
Nursery: May 25: Sarah Wilson & E. Murphy	June 1: E. Wilson & M. Tuggle