

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 5, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

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**\*The Call to Worship**

**\*The Hymn of Praise No. 30 ..... "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

**\*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

**\*The Confession of Faith ..... The Apostle's Creed (p. 845)**

**The Call to Confession.....1 Timothy 6:11-16**

**The Prayer of Confession**

*Faithful God in heaven, we return to You praise and thanks as we reflect upon how You have so abundantly met our every need. Yet we bow ourselves before You in humility, acknowledging our failure to honor You as You deserve. Heavenly Father, forgive us for our petty refusals to obey Your Word, for our obstinate rebellion against Your sovereign rule in our lives, and for our cold-hearted betrayals of Christ, the Lover of our souls. He died for us, but we do not live entirely for Him. He unflinchingly faced the scorn and censure of sinful men, but we have repeatedly failed to give a clear testimony of His grace, goodness, power, and might. For His sake, have mercy on us, and grant to us Your Spirit that we would be strengthened to run the race with endurance, to fight the good fight of faith, and to hold fast to the confession of our hope without failing. In Christ's precious Name, we pray.*

**The Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 103:8-13**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

**\*The Hymn ..... "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" (pp. 2-3)**

## 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 ♯ 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.

From Psalm 90  
 Isaac Watts, 1719  
 Alt. 1990, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.  
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727  
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,  
 3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain,  
 4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
 5. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore Thee,

once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand  
 robbed in dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who  
 heav'n and earth, shall flee a - way; all who  
 see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear! And His  
 high on Thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the  
 set at naught and sold Him, pierced, and  
 hate Him must, con - found - ed, hear the  
 saints, by men re - ject - ed, com - ing  
 take the pow'r and glo - ry, claim the

tri - umph of His train. Al - le -  
 nailed Him to the tree, deep - ly  
 trump pro - claim the day: Come to  
 with Him in the air. Al - le -  
 king - dom for Thine own: O come

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come to  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 quick - ly, O come quick - ly, O come

lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

## O Lord, Be Thou My Helper True

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*Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men.*  
Ps. 12:1

1. O Lord, be thou my help - er true, for  
 2. The lips that speak, the truth to hide, the  
 3. Be - cause the poor are sore op - pressed, be -  
 4. Je - ho - vah's prom - is - es are sure, his

just and god - ly men are few; the faith - ful who can  
 tongues of ar - ro - gance and pride, that boast - ful words em -  
 cause the need - y are dis - tressed, and bit - ter are their  
 words are true, his words are pure as sil - ver from the

find? From truth and wis - dom men de - part, with  
 ploy, false - speak - ing tongues that boast their might, that  
 cries, the Lord will be their help - er strong; to  
 flame. Though base men walk on ev - 'ry side, his

flat - t'ring lips and dou - ble heart they speak their e - vil mind.  
 own no law, that know no right, Je - ho - vah will de - stroy.  
 save them from con - tempt and wrong Je - ho - vah will a - rise.  
 saints are safe, what - e'er be - tide, pro - tec - ted by his name.

**The Offering Encouragement to Give .....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 Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 37:18-36**

**The Great Prayer .....Pastor Ryan Biese**

**\*The Psalm No. TH50.....“O Lord, Be Thou My Helper True” (Psalm 12)**

**The Sermon .....Pastor Ryan Biese**

“When Words Are Cheap” | Psalm 12 | p. 422 | *The Psalms: The Way of Life* No. 12

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SERMON NOTES

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**A. Plots & Propaganda (vv. 1-4)**

1. Missing (v. 1)

2. Corruption (v. 2)

3. Prayer (vv. 3-4)

**B. Preservation & Power (vv. 5-7)**

1. Answer (v. 5)

2. Purity (v. 6)

3. Protection (v. 7)

**C. Persistent & Pervasive (v. 8)**

1. Tension

2. Hope



~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

\*The Hymn of Response No. 670.....“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

~ 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 7)

**The Benediction**

\*The Response No. 733 .....“The Doxology”

**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.*

Starting Saturday, January 11 | 9:00 a.m.  
Contact Susan Wilson for more details.

THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE IN THE BIBLE

STUDY GUIDE  
WITH LEADER'S NOTES

**REVELATION**

HOPE IN THE DARKNESS

SCOTTY SMITH

To order the book in advance, please sign up with Margaret Davis.





# Ladies Tea

Join the women for a time of fellowship at the church.  
Please bring a brunch item to share. All ages are welcome.

January 18, 2025  
11:00 a.m.



# Psalm 117

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

<sup>2</sup>for 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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 5, 2025

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to [office@fpfo.org](mailto:office@fpfo.org).

- + There is no evening worship tonight, but evening worship resumes next week.
- + On Wednesday, January 15 the covered dish supper will begin at 5:55 p.m. and be followed by the Session and Women in the Church meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. No other midweek activities are scheduled for that week.
- + Please do not bring food into the auditorium. Tables and chairs for eating are provided in the fellowship hall.

## 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](mailto: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://FPFO.org/give)

## FPFO UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

<b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting &amp; WIC Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 18</b>	<b>Ladies Tea</b>
<b>The Lord's Day, Jan. 19</b>	<b>Congregational Forum after Morning Worship</b>
<b>The Lord's Day, Jan. 26</b>	<b>Dr. Dennis Johnson Preaching in AM &amp; PM Worship</b>

### FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

#### **The Lord's Day**

#### **Wednesday**

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)

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

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

Nursery: Jan. 5: M. L. Wilson & A. Bandy

Jan. 12 L. Bible & S. Wilson