

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 28, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

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



## \*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 55 ..... "To God Be the Glory"

## \*The Prayer of Adoration

The Confession of Faith ..... The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 13

Q. What has God especially decreed concerning angels and men?

A. *God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of His mere love, for the praise of His glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, has elected some angels to glory; and in Christ has chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof; and also according to His sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of His own will, (whereby He extends or withholds favor as He pleases), has passed by, and fore-ordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of His justice.*

The Call to Confession ..... Psalm 106:2-3

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

## To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -  
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.  
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,  
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'  
 Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

## The Confession of Sin

*O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets who spoke your word. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because of the treachery we have committed against you. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame because we have sinned against you. To you, O Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against you and have not obeyed your voice by walking in your laws.*

*O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from us. Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servants and to our pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon us and incline your ear and hear.*

*For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy, which you have shed abroad in Christ Jesus our Lord. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.*

## The Silent Confession

**The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 5:6, 8**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**\*The Hymn of Response No. 32 .....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**The Encouragement to Give.....Luke 6:38**

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

## The Offertory

**The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers**

**\*The Psalm No. 123.....“To You, O LORD, I Lift My Eyes” (p. 4)**

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

Chords: G D G A7 Dsus D G

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

Chords: D A7 D E B7 E7 A A7 D

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

Chords: Em D Gmaj7 Em7 Bdim D A7 D

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN  
Chords: A D B7 Em A7

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

Chords: D Bdim A E7 A A7 D Em D'

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

Chords: G Bdim D A7 D

vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

1. <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift my eyes, to you en - throned  
 2. <sup>3</sup>O LORD our God, your mer - cy show; take pit - y, LORD,

a - bove the skies! <sup>2</sup>As ser - vants watch their mas - ter's hand,  
 on us be - low. <sup>4</sup>For we have had our fill of scorn,

or maid - ens watch their mis - tress stand, so to the  
 and full con - tempt our soul has borne, the proud con -

LORD our eyes we raise un - til his mer - cy he dis - plays.  
 tempt that we en - dured from haugh - ty men who live se - cure.

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SERMON NOTES

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**A. The Focus of our Eyes (v. 1)**

**B. The Attitude of our Heart (v. 2)**

**C. The Depth of our Need (vv. 3-4)**

**D. The Basis of our Mercy (vv. 1-4)**

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 691 .....“It Is Well with My Soul”

\*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.*

# Moms Encouragement Lunch

Thursday, February 15 | 12:15–2:30 p.m.

Childcare Provided

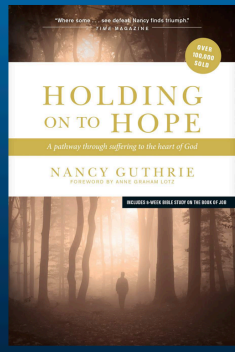
Come relax and talk. To adults.

Without being asked to fix a snack.

## 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.



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## It Is Well with My Soul

*The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -  
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in  
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,  
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN  
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well  
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well  
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.



# FPFO | Summary of Session & Board of Trustees Actions | 2023

- Session established a policy regarding the Lord's Supper that those who arrive for worship after the corporate confession of sin and assurance of pardon be instructed not to partake in the supper during that worship service.
- Session removed support for missionary TE David Stoddard in Berlin, Germany and TE Nick Bullock in Stuttgart, Germany; both have left the field for other works.
- Session reconstituted the Mission Committee and appointed John Taylor as convener. Others interested in joining the Mission Committee should contact John Taylor.
- Session offered a class for communicants taught by REs Bosshardt and McConathy.
- Session approved a renovation proposal from an architectural firm, but delayed action on it due to celebrations in conjunction with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well as to better understand other opportunities and contingencies.
- Session approved a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Ligon Duncan as guest preacher.
- Session appointed RE Nathan Bowers as Sunday School Superintendent and approved a job description for the position of youth coordinator.
- Session created a study committee to offer advice on the administration of Boy Scout Troop 52 financials and charter. The Session directed the Church Treasurer to oversee all Scout Troop Financials. Session created a committee to draft a "Memorial" to record the history of the church's ministry through Troop 52 and to reflect upon what spiritual fruit has been harvested through the efforts of the members and officers engaged in the Troop.
- Session worked with the Diaconate to create a list of priority facility needs in preparation for a renovation of the church's 120 year old facility. The deacons additionally met with several contractors to request proposals for the work.
- Session adopted an overture to Tennessee Valley Presbytery proposing to add background checks as a requirement for those being examined by Presbytery.
- The Session was delinquent in submitting minutes from 2019-2021. The clerk worked to collect the missing minutes and submit them to Tennessee Valley Presbytery for review.
- The Session directed the clerk to send letters to local businesses soliciting donations and/or bulk discounts for the purpose of acquiring items for Operation Christmas Child. The Session also established a fund for members who wish to donate to this project.
- Session, in consultation with the Diaconate, created a temporary committee of the congregation to study potential options regarding renovation and relocation.
- The Board of Trustees approved a request from Troop 52 to transfer the Troop Charter to Mission Ridge Baptist Church effective Dec. 20, 2023.
- The Session adopted a policy governing Christian funerals taking place at the church. It is hoped this policy will help families in advance planning and preparation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 28, 2024

- + Evening worship continues tonight at 6:00; come and answer God's call to worship Him at the close of the Lord's Day. We will have our usual hymn sing prior to the start of evening worship; be ready with your requests!
- + Officer nominations will be received during the month of January. Please be praying and asking God to provide additional officers to serve this congregation. Please discuss with the man you wish to nominate and secure his permission before submitting a nomination form in the offering plate or to the church office.
- + If you are interested in serving on the building and renovation committee, please email Pastor Ryan Biese: [rfbiese@gmail.com](mailto:rfbiese@gmail.com).
- + The Session and Women in the Church will have their regular meetings Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. The usual midweek supper will continue, but all other activities will be preempted by these meetings.
- + From now to the end of February, we will be collecting water bottles and stuffed animals for Operation Christmas Child. Please no pigs or cows.
- + Next week the Lord's Table will be observed as part of morning worship; a fellowship meal will follow. There will be no evening worship next week.

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

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. 28: B. Rowan & S. Wilson

Feb. 4: R. Wilson & E. Tuggle