

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 439 “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord’s Prayer

*The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism No. 69

- Q. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?
- A. *In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, that is, all my sins.*

The Call to Confession Colossians 3:12–15

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

The Prayer of Confession

Father, we thank You that You are the God of Peace. You have reconciled us to Yourself through the gift of Your Son and have declared to us that we have peace with You because we are justified by faith. We confess, however, we have not always experienced that peace as we should. We are often irritable and angry. We are often frustrated to the point of exasperation. In our anger, we have been distrustful of Your wise and good providence. We have said and done things that are unworthy of our calling in Christ Jesus, grieving Your Spirit and dishonoring Your Name. We ask for Your forgiveness today, and we turn from our sins afresh today. Strengthen us today by the mighty power of Your Holy Spirit and render our union and communion with Jesus Christ, Your beloved, Son rich and fruitful. Please forgive us all our sin for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. And so grant that we may be filled with assurance of Your pardon and empowered to walk in newness of life.

Christ Shall Have Dominion

He will rule from sea to sea. Ps. 72:8

Capo 1: (D) (Em⁷) (A⁷) (Bm⁷) (A) (D)

1. Christ shall have do - min - ion o - ver land and sea, earth's re - mot - est
 2. When the need - y seek him, he will mer - cy show; yea, the weak and
 3. Ev - er and for - ev - er shall his name en - dure, long as suns con -
 4. Un - to God Al - might - y joy - ful Zi - on sings; he a - lone is

(Em⁷) (A) (E⁷) (A) (D)

re - gions shall his em - pire be; they that wilds in - hab - it shall their
 help - less shall his pit - y know; he will sure - ly save them from op -
 tin - ue it shall stand se - cure; and in him for - ev - er all men
 glo - rious, do - ing won - drous things. Ev - er - more, ye peo - ple, bless his

(G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (Em⁷) (A)

wor - ship bring, kings shall ren - der trib - ute, na - tions serve our King.
 pres - sion's might, for their lives are pre - cious in his ho - ly sight.
 shall be blest, and all na - tions hail him King of kings con - fessed.
 glo - rious name, his e - ter - nal glo - ry through the earth pro - claim.

REFRAIN
 (D) (A) (D)

Christ shall have do - min - ion o - ver land and sea,

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earth's re - mot - est re - gions shall his em - pire be.

The Assurance of PardonMicah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

*The Psalm No. 96“O Sing a New Song to the LORD”

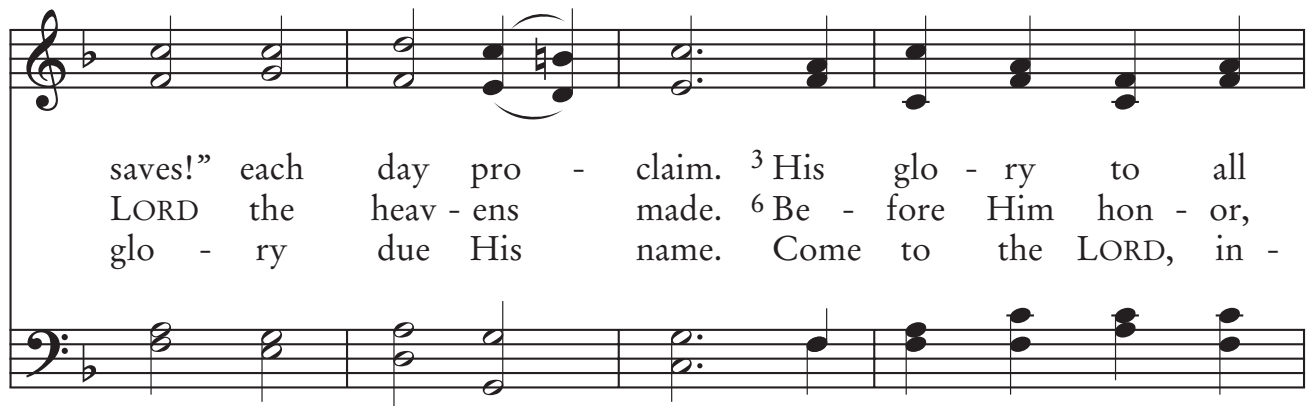


1. ¹ O sing a new song to the LORD; All earth sing to the
2. ⁴ The LORD is great, great praise He's due. He's feared a - bove all
3. ⁷ O fam - i - lies of earth, as - crite All glo - ry to the

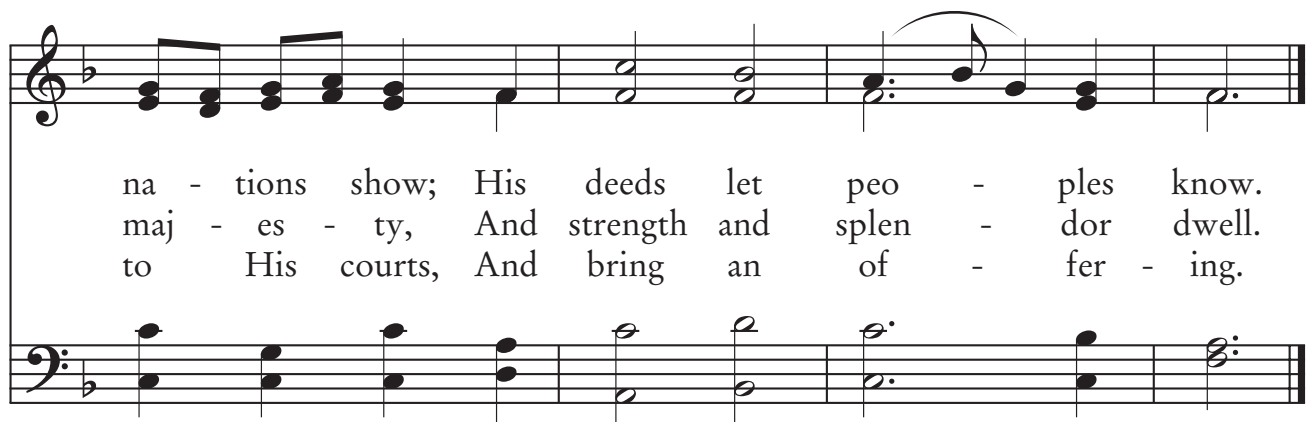


- LORD. ² Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; “He
gods. ⁵ For peo - ples’ gods mere i - dols are; The
LORD. All strength as - crite un - to the LORD; ⁸ Give





saves!" each day pro - claim. ³ His glo - ry to all
 LORD the heav - ens made. ⁶ Be - fore Him hon - or,
 glo - ry due His name. Come to the LORD, in -



na - tions show; His deeds let peo - ples know.
 maj - es - ty, And strength and splen - dor dwell.
 to His courts, And bring an of - fer - ing.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Samuel Jeffrey Rowan

- + The Covenant Promises and Institution
- + The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
- + The Sign of the Covenant
- + The Prayer of Consecration

***The Baptismal Hymn No. 413 "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"**

Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer

The promise is for you and your children. Acts 2:39

1. Our chil - dren, Lord, in faith and pray'r, we now de - vote to thee;
 2. Such help - less babes thou didst em - brace, while dwell - ing here be - low;
 3. In ear - ly days their hearts se - cure from world - ly snares, we pray;

let them thy cov - 'nant mer - cies share, and thy sal - va - tion see.
 to us and ours, O God of grace, the same com - pas - sion show.
 O let them to the end en - dure in ev - ery righ - teous way.

Thomas Haweis, 1808; alt.

ARMENIA C.M.
Sylvanus B. Pond, 1792-1871
Arr. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964Tune arr. © 1964, Abingdon Press. Reprinted from the *Book of Hymns* by permission.

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~
The Offering Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 50:14-15

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

The Great Prayer

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

***The Psalm No. 63“O God, Your Are My God Alone”**

1. ¹O God, you are my God a - lone; with ea - ger -
2. ²I've seen you in your ho - ly place; your pow'r and
3. ⁴I bless you, Lord, through - out my life and raise my
4. ⁶I lie a - wake up - on my bed, re - mem - b'ring
5. ⁷For you have been my help, O God; I sing for

ness I seek your face. My soul and bod - y
glo - ry held my gaze. ³Your love is bet - ter
• hands to you in prayer. ⁵My joy - ful lips will
you be - fore it's light; on you, my God, I
joy be - neath your wings. ⁸Your right hand holds and

thirst for you, as in a dry and weary place.
far than life, and thus my lips will sing your praise.
• sing your praise; my soul is fed with richest fare.
med - i - tate, through - out the watch - es of the night.
strength - ens me; to you my soul for safe - ty clings.

6. ⁹But those who seek to kill my soul,
to depths of earth shall fall away;
¹⁰a sword of pow'r will bring them down,
and they shall be the jackal's prey.

7. ¹¹The king will then rejoice in God,
and all who swear by him exult;
but God will stop the liars' mouths,
the ones who utter what is false.

The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

“Stand Strong” | Ephesians 6:10-17 | Pg. 920 | *The Epistle to the Ephesians* No. 42

SERMON NOTES

A. Strength to Stand (vv. 10-11)

1. Strength of Christ

2. Panoply of God

3. Holding Ground

B. Stand Against Schemes (vv. 12-13)

1. Identity of the Enemy

2. Authorities

3. Constancy of Battle

C. Stand in the Spirit (vv. 14-17)

1. Belt of Truth

2. Breastplate of Righteousness

3. Shoes: Gospel of Peace

4. Shield of Faith

5. Helmet of Salvation

6. Sword of the Spirit

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Response No. 575“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

The Benediction

*The Response No. 735“The Gloria Patri”

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

575

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God.
Eph. 6:10, 11

1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on,
2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength en - dued;
3. To keep your ar - mor bright, at - tend with con - stant care;

strong in the strength which God sup - plies through his e - ter - nal Son.
but take, to arm you for the fight, the pan - o - ply of God.
still walk - ing in your Cap - tain's sight, and watch - ing un - to prayer.

Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his might - y pow'r,
Leave no un - guard - ed place, no weak - ness of the soul;
From strength to strength go on; wres - tle and fight and pray;

who in the strength of Je - sus trusts is more than con - quer - or.
take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, and for - ti - fy the whole.
tread all the pow'rs of dark - ness down, and win the well - fought day.

Called Congregational Meeting Nov. 30, 2025
For the Purpose of Electing a Pulpit Committee

The Session of FPFO recommends the following particulars to facilitate a smooth pulpit committee election process, in keeping with BCO 20-2:

1. A pulpit committee consisting of members from the congregation at large shall be designated and duly elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting. The only church officers to serve on the committee will be those nominated and elected by the congregation according to this process.
2. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot, which will include a list of submitted nominees and space for additional floor nominees nominated during the congregational meeting for the pulpit committee selection.
3. In order for nominees to have their names printed on the ballot, they need to be submitted in person or via email to the clerk of Session by 11 p.m. Friday, November 28 (with the prior consent of the nominee's willingness to serve on the committee). Floor nominees may be written on the ballot as described above.
4. Nominees must receive a majority (over 50%) of votes in order to serve on the pulpit committee.
5. If the congregation desires for the committee to have a certain number of members, it may establish that number by action from the floor during the congregational meeting. If not enough nominees are elected, the congregation may hold another election later to add members or modify the desired number for the committee. If more nominees secure the required majority than the established seats on the committee, those nominees who receive the highest number of votes shall be selected to fill the committee.
6. Votes will be tallied by the Deacons and Clerk of Session with results announced later in the day on Sunday, November 30.
7. When nominating members to serve, members should keep in mind the roles that may be needed on the committee which include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. Please see PCA Administrative Committee document outlining the common duties of a pastoral search committee as a reference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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

- ❖ ***Supper Tuesday Thanksgiving meal:*** Please join us in celebrating the Lord's goodness over the past year on Tuesday, November 25 at 6 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for soups, breads, and desserts everyone plans to bring. After the meal, there will be an opportunity to share how the Lord has blessed our families over the past year.
- ❖ ***Pie Night:*** Following the Sunday evening service on November 30th we will have a time of fellowship and desserts on this last Sunday with the Biese family. Please use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to indicate what you intend to bring, so we can plan accordingly.
- ❖ ***Church Christmas Decorating:*** Saturday November 29th at 10:00 AM. Snacks will be provided. Please let Mary Lou know if you can help 423-834-1149.
- ❖ ***Men's Prayer Breakfast:*** December 6 at 9:00 AM; please mark you calendars and sign up in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend.
- ❖ If you do not currently have credentials to access the building through the OpenPath App, please contact the church office to set those up.

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 during the offering in worship, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://fpfo.org/give)

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 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 Evening

5:55 Covered-Dish Supper
6:30-7:15 Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:15 Children's Singing Class

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

Nursery: Nov. 23: L. Murphy & A. Wilson

Nov. 30: R. Wilson & A. Pinyerd