

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MAY 31, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

### The Prelude

#### \*The Call to Worship ..... Revelation 5:11-13

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

#### \*The Psalm of Praise No. 368 ..... "The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"

#### \*The Prayer of Adoration

#### \*The Confession of Faith ..... Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**The Call to Confession of Sin..... 1 Peter 5:6-8**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**The Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we acknowledge our transgressions. We have sinned against You times without number. We have strayed from Your truth, and the weight of our guilt is heavy. Our eyes should be weary from weeping, and our hearts should be faint. We have rebelled against Your commands. Look, O Lord, and see our affliction. Our sins have fractured relationships, broken our communities, and brought grief to our own souls. Forgive us, Lord, for our sin. We are humbled by the truth that while we were still deep in our rebellion, Christ willingly gave His life for us. We praise and thank You for this supreme demonstration of Your love, which we could never earn or comprehend. Pour out Your grace upon us today. Cleanse us of our unrighteousness, and help us to live in the freedom of Your great love. Strengthen us by Your Spirit, so that we might walk in obedience and reflect Your great love to the world around us. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray.

**The Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon ..... Romans 5:6-9**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving ..... “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (pg. 4-5)**

**~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~**

**The Offering and Encouragement to Give ..... Philippians 4:18-19**

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**The Old Testament Reading ..... Leviticus 12:1-8 & 13:45-59**

**The Great Prayer ..... RE Wil Davis**

**\*The Hymn of Preparation No. 660 ..... "O God Beyond All Praising"**

**~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~**

**The Sermon ..... Rev. Jim Richter**

**"All the Proof We Need" | Romans 5:1-11 | Pg. 886**

**~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~**

**\*The Hymn of Response No. 529 ..... "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"**

**\*The Benediction**

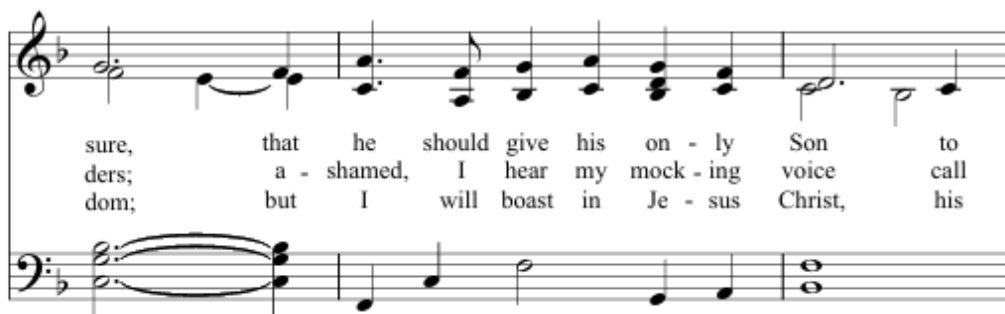
**\*The Response No. 732 ..... "Doxology"**

# How Deep the Father's Love for Us

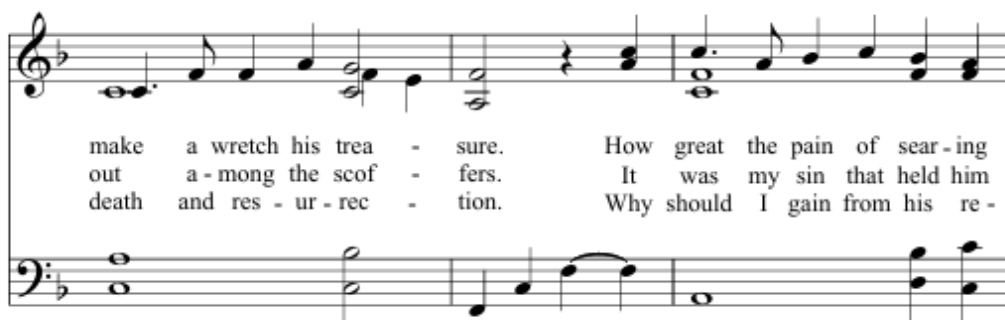
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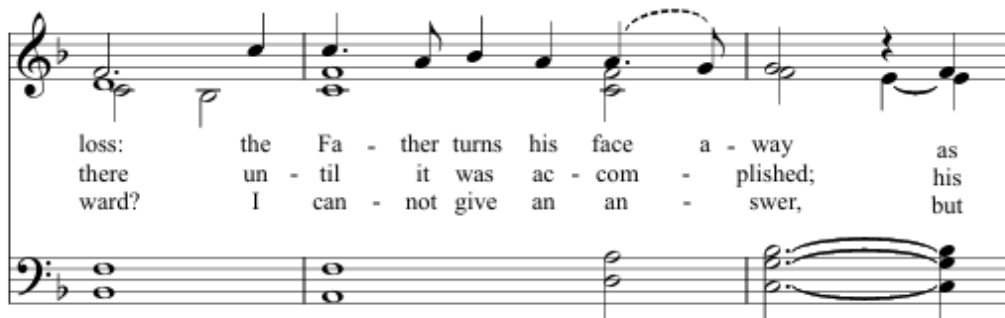
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea-  
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -



sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re -



loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way as  
there un - til it was ac - com - plished; his  
ward? I can - not give an an - swer, but

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.  
 this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## All the Proof We Need

### Romans 5:6-11

In Romans 5:1-11 the Apostle Paul, by Divine inspiration, is exploring the benefits/blessings that are given to all who have been justified by faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have said that the primary purpose of Romans chapters 5-8 is to give us an assurance of our salvation and God's favor toward us. In verses 1&2 we are told that we have peace with God, we have a standing in grace, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Vs. 1-2). Then, in verses 3-5, the Apostle Paul, tells us that there is another, and perhaps even more wonderful evidence that God is really with us and for us. That is the way that we are enabled by God's grace to face, and even rejoice/glory/boast in our troubles, struggles, problems, and tribulations. We are enabled through our experience of trials to see God developing in us endurance, proven character, and assured hope in God's promises. The specific reason that this hope will not prove unworthy (put us to shame) is because God gives us a subjective/experiential foretaste of His love through the Holy Spirit pouring out God's love in our hearts.

Now, in verses 6-11, we are given a second and objective assurance of God's love for us. It is that God shows/demonstrates/proves His love for us by Christ's death on the cross. The grandeur of a gift can be measured in the costliness of the gift, the relative worthiness or unworthiness of the recipient, and the benefit of the gift to the recipient. We consider the measure of God's love in light of these factors:

1. The absolute unworthiness of all men apart from Christ to receive God's love:  
Weak, Ungodly, Sinners, Enemies of God
2. The enormous costliness of the price paid in the gift of God's love:  
The sacrificial death of Christ on the Cross of Calvary
3. The immeasurable benefits of God's love to us in Christ:  
Justified by Christ's blood in His death  
Reconciled to God by the death of Christ  
Saved from the wrath of God by the Resurrection Life of Christ

The glorious result of our assurance of God's love:  
Rejoicing in God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

## From Charles Spurgeon

Isaiah 61:1, "He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted."

Some are broken-hearted through bereavement. One laments, "I have lost my wife!" Another bemoans herself, "I have lost my husband!" A third cries, "My mother is gone!" "Alas," cries each one, "I can never survive the stroke!" We have all endured sorrow, but *bereavements* are an especially sharp sword. Friends can do little to fill up the great gap which death has made. Ah, it is indeed an aching void which is left in an affectionate heart, when the dear object of love is torn away. The best of people in this respect suffer most. It is hard to part with those we love, but it is blessed to know that when a Christian dies, they are with Jesus, which is far better.

The blessed doctrine of the resurrection, cheers the darkness of the sepulcher. Jesus says, "Your brother shall rise again!" The blessed thought of the eternal felicity of those that we gladly would have detained here below, is a sweet recompense for their loss. So we do not sorrow as those without hope. The separation is painful, but it is only *temporary*. They have gone from us, and gone to Jesus.

We remember our Lord's prayer, "Father, I desire those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory." (John 17:24) But sometimes in prospect of losing our beloved ones, we pull very hard earthward, and cry, "Father, I desire that they remain with me, where I am."

Did you ever feel a pull the other way, and look to see who pulls heavenward. You will realize that it is Jesus praying, "I desire those You have given Me, to be with Me where I am." Whenever Jesus and you come to cross purposes, then I know you will yield, for you will gladly own that the dear ones are more the property of Jesus, than yours. Let them go. It is no parting, when we know that our beloved are with Jesus.

The Christian has no reason to dread death. It is the gate of endless joy.

"Brothers, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who are without hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we also believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 31, 2026

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

- ❖ **The Lord's Supper** will be observed as part of morning worship next week.
- ❖ **The Session** has prayerfully decided to delay officer training until after the Lord provides our next pastor. This will ensure that the new pastor is able to take part in preparing and equipping future officers. Thank you for your continued prayers for our church and for the man God is calling to serve here.
- ❖ The next **men's prayer breakfast** is Saturday, June 6 at 9am at the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Suggested donation of \$3 to cover food.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection for May is small toy trucks and cars, and small round nerf balls.

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

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

### 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

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper  
6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

Nursery: **May 31:** M. Brande & A. Wilson    **June 7:** E. Wilson & L. Murphy