

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



*The Call to Worship

~ God's People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. TH73 "Rejoice, All People, Homage Give" (Psalm 47)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Nos. 72-73

Q. Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

A. *No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.*

Q. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

A. *God has good reason for these words. To begin with, he wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body. But more importantly, he wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically.*

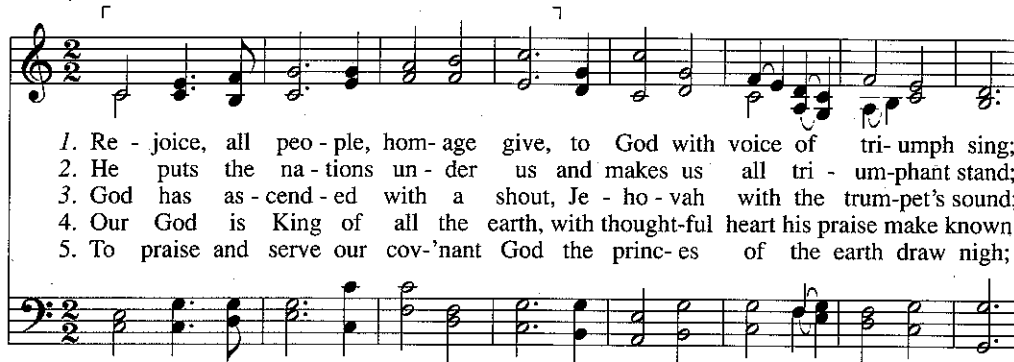
The Call to Confession Psalm 119:1-4

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

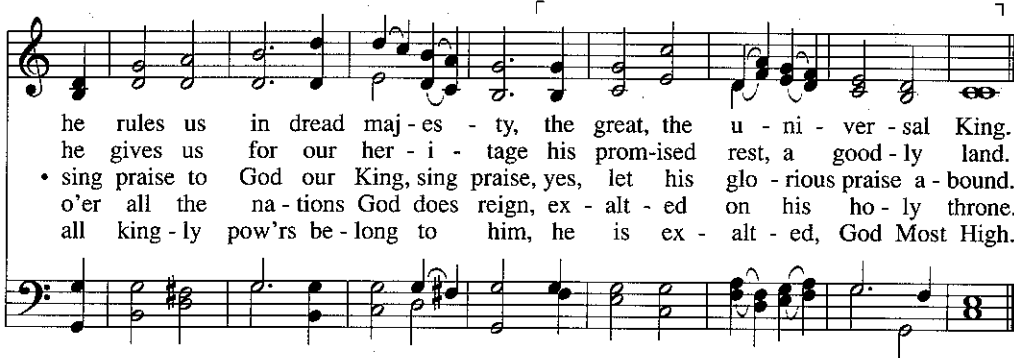
Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

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Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Ps. 47:1



1. Re - joice, all peo - ple, hom - age give, to God with voice of tri - umph sing;
2. He puts the na - tions un - der us and makes us all tri - umphant stand;
3. God has as - cend - ed with a shout, Je - ho - vah with the trum - pet's sound;
4. Our God is King of all the earth, with thought - ful heart his praise make known;
5. To praise and serve our cov - 'nant God the princ - es of the earth draw nigh;



he rules us in dread maj - es - ty, the great, the u - ni - ver - sal King.
he gives us for our her - i - tage his prom - ised rest, a good - ly land.
• sing praise to God our King, sing praise, yes, let his glo - rious praise a - bound.
o'er all the na - tions God does reign, ex - alt - ed on his ho - ly throne.
all king - ly pow'rs be - long to him, he is ex - alt - ed, God Most High.

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Ps. 32:1

1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
3. So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near;
4. I gra - cious - ly will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,

whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
• no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear;
and with mine eye up - on thee my coun - sel make thee know.
but those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.

Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin,
but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,
• In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou sav - est me from ill,
But be ye not un - rul - y, or slow to un - der - stand;
Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice.

who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
when I con - fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
• and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.
be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand.
Be glad in God, ye righ - teous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

How Firm a Foundation

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10

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1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

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faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

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you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

The Confession of Sin

Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of Your Son, we confess before You that we have sinned. We have not loved You as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor Your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed to preserve life; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of Your great name.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonColossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 551....."How Blest Is He Whose Trespass"

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

The Encouragement to GiveMatthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Offertory

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

*The Hymn No TH94....."How Firm a Foundation"

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

"Don't Worry, Be Blessed" | John 14:1-4 | p. 847 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 80

SERMON NOTES

A. Antidote to Worry (v. 1)

B. Don't Worry Because of the Place Prepared (v. 2)

C. Don't Worry Because Jesus will Return (v. 3a)

D. Don't Worry Because Jesus Desires His People (v. 3b)

E. Knowing the Way (v. 4)

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 670....."If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

~ God Blesses His People ~

*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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Worship 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, preaching

5:15 p.m. Dinner Reception



Our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. Psalm 126:2-3

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If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Ps. 55:22

1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, and hope in
 2. What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, these nev - er -
 3. On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
 4. All are a - like be - fore the High - est; 'tis eas - y
 5. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, so do thine

him through all thy ways, he'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help, if thou be - wail thee
 • hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure
 to our God, we know, to raise thee up though low thou li - est,
 own part faith - ful - ly, and trust his Word—though un - de - serv - ing,

and bear thee through the e - vil days: Who trusts in God's un -
 o'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and tri - als
 • and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; nor doubt our in - most
 to make the rich man poor and low; true won - ders still by
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on the Rock that naught can move.
 do but press the heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 • wants are known to him who chose us for his own.
 him are wrought who set - teth up and brings to naught.
 sook at need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship tonight at 6:00.
- + If you are willing to coordinate rides and other ministry to Covenant College students, please let Ryan know.
- + This year for Operation Christmas Child, we are focusing on filling boxes for 10 – 14 year old boys. An updated list of items needed is available near the OCC box in the Fellowship Hall. The goal is to fill 100 boxes this year.
- + There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for people willing to bring food for the 40th Anniversary Reception on October 1 following evening worship. There will be no "First Sunday Lunch" in October.
- + The ladies of Cornerstone OPC have invited the ladies of FPFO to a tea on October 7 at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please see the invitation posted on the WIC bulletin board 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.
- + 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
6:30 p.m. Youth & Young Adult
Defending the Faith by RC Sproul
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 Sept. 17: E. Wilson & T. Keller

Sept. 24: S. Keller & C. Rowan