

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 10, 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 Hymn of Praise No. 203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 45

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. *Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to Himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which He visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon His elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for His own glory and their good: and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.*

The Call to Confession.....Ezekiel 33:11-12

'As I live,' declares the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?' And you, son of man, say to your people, 'The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses...the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.'

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

The Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but let Christ rule over me in liberty and power. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for enabling me to be upright through Jesus Christ.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

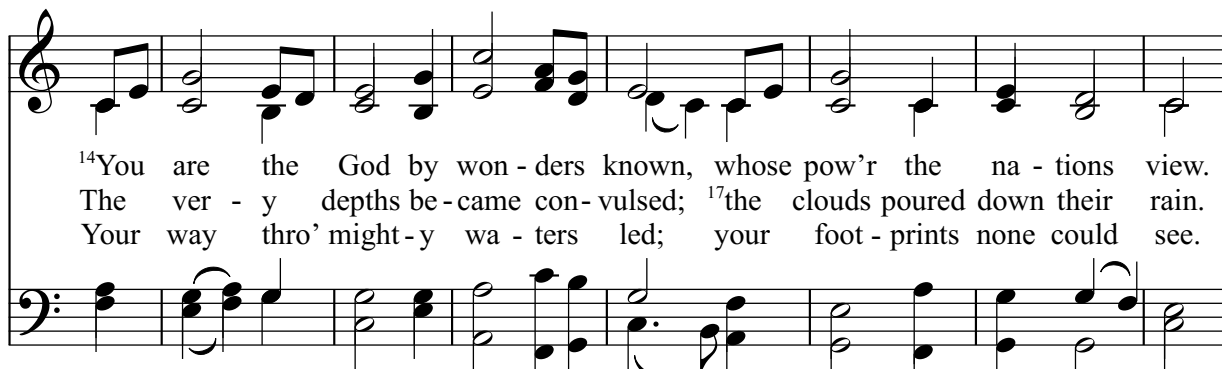
The Assurance of Pardon.....Colossians 1:13-14

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. 77....."O God, Most Holy Are Your Ways"



5. ¹³O God, most ho - ly are your ways. What god is great like you?
6. ¹⁶The wa - ters saw you, O my God; they saw and were a - fraid.
7. The whole earth shook and trem - bled then, ¹⁹your path was thro' the sea.



¹⁴You are the God by won - ders known, whose pow'r the na - tions view.
The ver - y depths be - came con - vulsed; ¹⁷the clouds poured down their rain.
Your way thro' might - y wa - ters led; your foot - prints none could see.

¹⁵Your peo - ple you re - deemed, O LORD, with your al - might - y arm;
 The thun - der rolled a - cross the skies as light - ning bolts were hurled.
²⁰Your peo - ple, like a flock of sheep, you guid - ed ev - 'ry day;

the sons of Ja - cob, Jo - seph's seed, you saved them from all harm.
¹⁸Your thun - der in the wind was heard; your light - ning lit the world.
 by Mo - ses' and by Aa - ron's hand you led them on the way.

The Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:8–9

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. 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 Offertory

The Great PrayerElder Nathan Bowers

***The Psalm No. 31“In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust” (p. 4)**

1. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust, I
 2. Bow down thine ear to my re - quest, and
 3. Since thou my rock and for - tress art, my
 4. To thee my spir - it I com - mend; re -
 5. I hate all those that I love the false, my

call up - on thy name; O save me in thy
 swift de - liv - 'rance send; be thou to me a
 • lead - er be, and guide; from all temp - ta - tion
 demp - tion is with thee, O thou Je - ho - vah,
 trust is in the Lord; I will be glad, and

right - teous - ness, nor let me suf - fer shame.
 rock of strength, a for - tress to de - fend.
 • res - cue me, thou dost my strength a - bide.
 God of truth, who hast de - liv - ered me.
 joy - ful - ly thy mer - cy will re - cord.

6. But, Lord, in thee is all my trust, thou art my God, I cried;
 my life, my times are in thy hand, I in thy strength confide.

SERMON NOTES

A. The Work of the Spirit (vv. 25-27)

B. The Comfort of the Disciples (v. 27)

1. The Uniqueness of Christ's Peace

2. Experience of Peace

3. Abiding Peace

4. Dwelling with God (v. 23)

5. Warning (v. 24)

C. The Joy of the Disciples (v. 28)

1. Leave & Return

2. Joy at Departure

3. Three Reasons for Joy

a. Place of Belonging

b. Signal of Approval

c. Benefits for the Church

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 176....."Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!"

~ 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.*

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Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Rev. 5:12

1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i - le - an King!
 2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on thee were laid;
 3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for - ev - er to a - bide;
 4. Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r and bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;

Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.
 by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a - tone - ment made.
 all the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.
 loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, meet it is for us to give.

Hail, thou ag - o - niz - ing Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame!
 All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood;
 There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare;
 Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;

By thy mer - its we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy name.
 o - pened is the gate of heav - en; peace is made 'twixt man and God.
 ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 help to sing our Sav - ior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

John Bakewell, 1757
 Alt. by Martin Madan, 1760;
 Augustus Toplady, 1776

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Traditional Netherlands melody, 1710
 Arr. by Julius Röntgen, ca. 1906

NEW YEAR'S LADIES LUNCH

Saturday, January 13

*Please sign up in the fellowship hall or email Sandra Taylor.
Lunch provided; please bring a dessert to share.*

He Came for Us.

6:00 p.m. Lord's Day Evenings in December

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman,
born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

Galatians 4:4-5



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2023

- + Evening worship continues tonight at 6:00; come and answer God's call to worship Him at the close of the Lord's Day.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next Lord's day.
- + Volunteers are needed for nursery duty for evening worship. Please see Mary Lou Wilson if you are willing to help.
- + Designated gifts to the Staff Love Offering may be made now through Dec. 24. Please watch for love offering envelopes arriving in the mail along with a letter from the Session Clerk with more details.
- + Nominations for church office (Elder & Deacon) will be accepted during the month of January. Please be in prayer now asking God to raise up additional officers to serve this congregation and to grant *you* discernment on whether to nominate a man for church office.
- + This Wednesday is the last week for regular midweek activities at FPFO until 2024. December 17 will be the week of last Sunday school for 2024. The regular activities schedule will resume January 7, 2024 with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning and evening worship will continue on the normal schedule.
- + There will be a joint officer meeting December 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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 Dec. 10: B. Rowan & Sarah Wilson

Dec. 17: R. Wilson & E. Tuggle