

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 14, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

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. 343“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithThe Nicene Creed (p. 846)

The Call to ConfessionMicah 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 Confession of Sin

We praise you, O God, the Father Almighty. We praise you, O God, you who are the adored, true, and only Son. We praise you, O God, the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, the Lord and Giver of Life.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. Blessed be your glorious name forever and ever. We acknowledge and confess before you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of your mercy to direct what we shall be, so that henceforth we may walk in the way of your commandments, and do more things which are pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Silent Confession

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16

1. Christ is made the sure founda - tion, Christ the head and
 2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, dear - ly loved of
 3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious, bind - ing
 God on high, in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion pours per -
 hosts, to - day: with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy
 thee to gain, what they gain from thee for - ev - er with the

all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's help for -
 pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in Three a -
 peo - ple as they pray; and thy full - est ben - e -
 bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter in thy

ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honor to the Father,
 laud and honor to the Son,
 laud and honor to the Spirit,
 ever Three and ever One,
 One in might, and One in glory,
 while unending ages run.

The Assurance of Pardon.....First John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 136“Thank the LORD for Good Is He”**

1. ¹ Thank the LORD for good is He,
 2. ⁵ He with skill has made the skies,
 3. ¹⁰ E - gypt's first - born He did smite
 4. ¹⁵ He drowned Phar - aoh and his men

For His stead - fast love en - dures.

² To the God of gods, thanks be,
⁶ From the seas made land a - rise, For His stead - fast
¹¹⁻¹² Brought out Is - r'el by His might,
¹⁶ Led His own through des - erts then,

love en - dures. ³ Prais - es give the King of kings,
⁷ He has made great shin - ing lights,
¹³ He the Red Sea split in two,
¹⁷ Kings of splen - dor then He slew,

For His stead - fast love en - dures. ⁴ He a - lone does
⁸⁻⁹ Sun rules day; moon,
¹⁴ He made Is - r'el
¹⁸ Might - y kings He

won - drous things,
stars rule night,
pass on through,
o - ver - threw:
For His stead - fast love en - dures.

6. ²³ He remembered us when low, ²⁵ He gives food to all that live,
For His steadfast love endures. For His steadfast love endures.
²⁴ Gave deliv'rance from our foe, ²⁶ Thanks to God of heaven give,
For His steadfast love endures. For His steadfast love endures.

The Encouragement to Give1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.

The Offertory

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

***The Psalm No. 139“LORD, You Have Searched Me” (pp. 4-5)**

1. ¹LORD, you have searched me and you know ²wher - e'er I
2. ⁴My words from you I can - not hide, ⁵you hem me
3. ⁷Where can I from your Spir - it be? Where can I
4. ⁹If I the wings of morn - ing take, and in the
5. ¹¹If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, ¹²to you the

rest, wher - e'er I go; you search my thoughts and
in on ev - 'ry side; ⁶O won - d'rous knowl - edge,
• from your pres - ence flee? ⁸In heav'n? it is your
seas my dwell - ing make, ¹⁰e'en there your faith - ful
dark - ness light shall be; if light a - bout me

know my plans, ³and all my ways are in your hands.
 awe - some might, un - fath - omed depth, un - mea - sured height!
 • dwell - ing fair; in death's a - bode? lo, you are there.
 hand shall lead, your right hand, LORD, is hold - ing me.
 be as night to you both night and day are bright.

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“Friends” | John 15:12-17 | p. 848 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 94

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. The Love of Christ (vv. 12-13)

1. Summary of the Commands

2. Christ's Love Shapes Our Love for His People

3. The Love of Christ is Expressed in Sacrifice of Himself

B. Friends of Christ (vv. 13-15)

1. Friends of Christ are Loved Abundantly by Him

2. Christ's Friends Obey Him

3. Christ's Friends Know His Mind

C. Chosen for Holiness (vv. 16-17)

1. Elected by Grace

2. Chosen to Go

3. Prayerfulness

III. Conclusion

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 629.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*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.*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

629

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

THE PROPHECY OF
Z E C H A R I A H
THE PEOPLE RESTORED
THE KING RETURNS

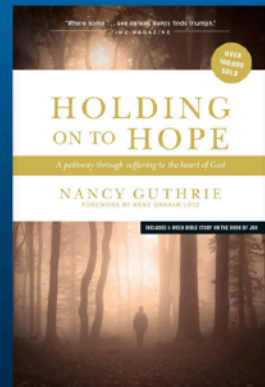
*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.*
Zechariah 9:9

6:00 p.m. Lord's Day Evenings | First Presbyterian Church

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.
Continues January 20, 2024



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 14, 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; if there are any hymns you would like to sing, be ready with your requests!
- + Next Lord's Day morning there will be a table set up with information from Choices Pregnancy Center about ways to minister to women and children in need.
- + The January Stated Meeting of the Session is Wednesday, January 17 at 7:20 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room.
- + 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.
- + Following worship today is the Annual Congregational Forum.
- + 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.

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://www.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 14: J. Porter & A. Wilson

Jan. 21: A. Bandy & M. Tuggle