

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | MAY 4, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

\*The Call to Worship

\*The Psalm of Praise No. 95 ..... “Come to the LORD” (p. 2)

\*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord’s Prayer

The Presentation of New Members: Ryan Wood

- + Biblical Explanation
- + Vows of Membership
- + Prayer
- + Benediction

\*The Confession of Faith ..... Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 97

- Q. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord’s Supper?
- A. *It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord’s Supper, that they examine themselves, of their knowledge to discern the Lord’s body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.*

The Call to Confession ..... First John 4:7-8

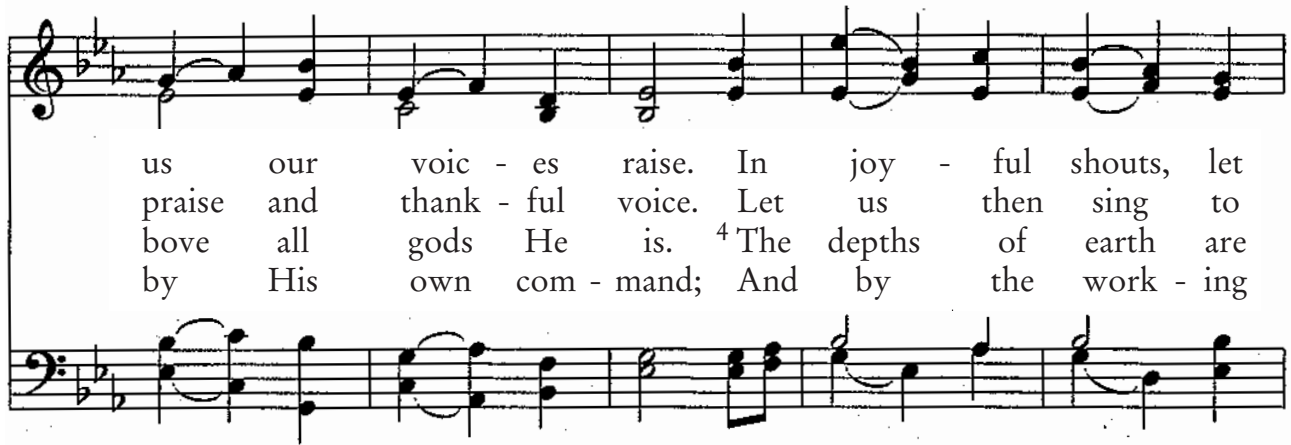
The Prayer of Confession

*Lord, we marvel that You should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. The empty tomb calls forth our adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen; the fourfold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it, our heart’s experience knows it. Give us to die with You that we may rise to new life, for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that we might not hear the voice of the tempter, and might be delivered from his lusts. O Lord, there is much ill about us and sin within us—crucify it, much flesh within us—mortify it. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, the shame of being thought old-fashioned, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant us to stand with our dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to take up unpopular truths, and to hold fast despised teachings until death. Grant us more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule us, may we walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. For the glory of our living Savior.*

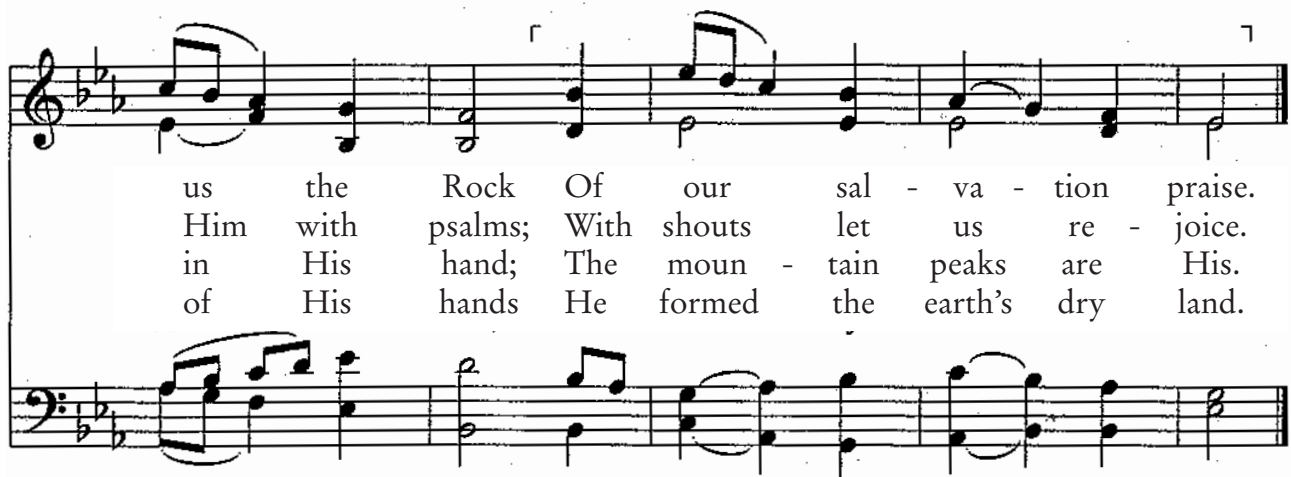
# Psalm 95



1. <sup>1</sup> Come to the LORD, and sing for joy; Let  
 2. <sup>2</sup> In - to His pres - ence let us come With  
 3. <sup>3</sup> The LORD's a might - y God and King; A -  
 4. <sup>5</sup> To Him the spa - cious sea be - longs, Made



us our voic - es raise. In joy - ful shouts, let  
 praise and thank - ful voice. Let us then sing to  
 bove all gods He is. <sup>4</sup> The depths of earth are  
 by His own com - mand; And by the work - ing



us the Rock Of our sal - va - tion praise.  
 Him with psalms; With shouts let us re - joice.  
 in His hand; The moun - tain peaks are His.  
 of His hands He formed the earth's dry land.

5. <sup>6</sup> O come and let us worship Him;  
 Let us with one accord  
 In presence of our Maker kneel,  
 And bow before the LORD;

6. <sup>7</sup> Because He truly is our God,  
 And we His chosen sheep,  
 The people of His pasture land,  
 Whom His own hand will keep.

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## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4*

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776  
 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

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 Thomas Hastings, 1830

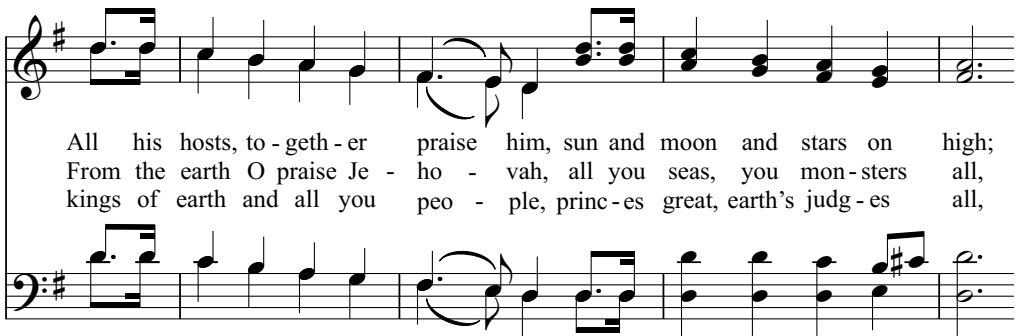
## Psalm 148B



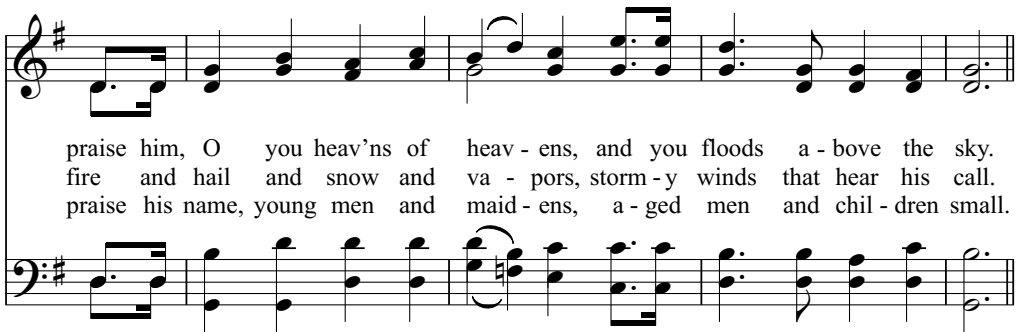
1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, from the heav - ens praise his name;  
 2. Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, they were made at his com - mand;  
 3. All you fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, all you hills and moun - tains high,



praise Je - ho - vah in the high - est, all his an - gels, praise pro - claim.  
 them for - ev - er he es - tab - lished, his de - cree shall ev - er stand.  
 creep - ing things and beasts and cat - tle, birds that in the heav - ens fly,



All his hosts, to - geth - er praise him, sun and moon and stars on high;  
 From the earth O praise Je - ho - vah, all you seas, you mon - sters all,  
 kings of earth and all you peo - ple, princ - es great, earth's judg - es all,

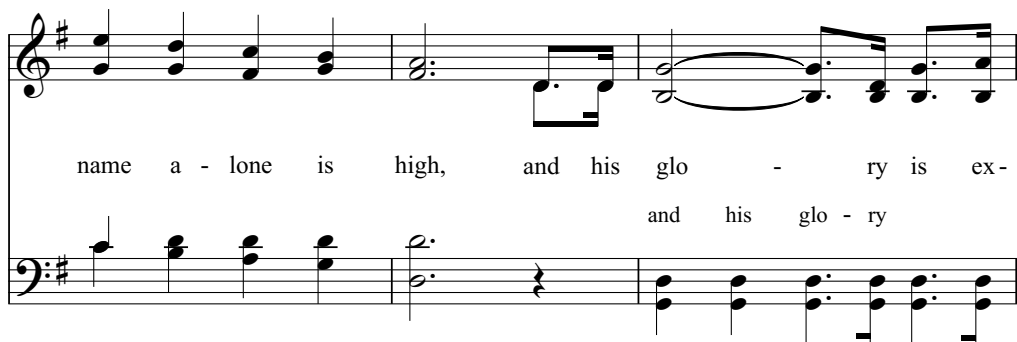


praise him, O you heav'ns of heav - ens, and you floods a - bove the sky.  
 fire and hail and snow and va - pors, storm - y winds that hear his call.  
 praise his name, young men and maid - ens, a - ged men and chil - dren small.

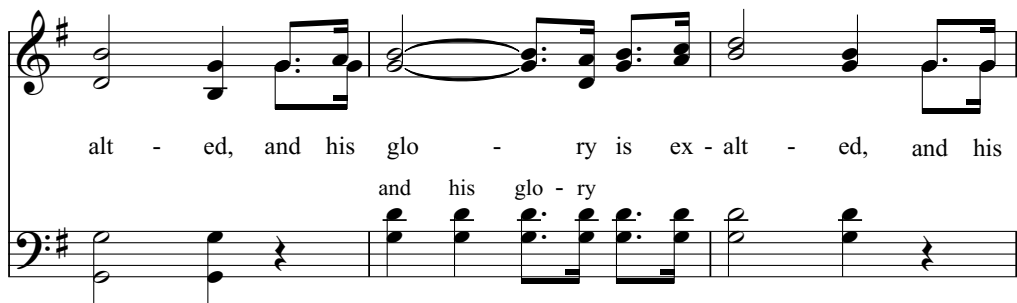
Refrain



Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, for his  
Let them prais - es



name a - lone is high, and his glo - ry is ex -  
and his glo - ry



alt - ed, and his glo - ry is ex - alt - ed, and his  
and his glo - ry



glo - ry is ex - alt - ed far a - bove the earth and sky.  
and his glo - ry

**The Assurance of Pardon .....Psalm 32:1–2**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose  
spirit there is no deceit.

**\*The Hymn No. 499 .....“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

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

**The Offering Encouragement to Give .....2 Corinthians 9:7–8**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under  
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace  
abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may  
abound in every good work.

**The Old Testament Reading .....Exodus 3**

**The Great Prayer**

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

**\*The Psalm No. TH110 .....“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” (Psalm 148)**

**The Sermon .....Pastor Ryan Biese**

“Walking in Life” | Ephesians 2:8-10 | Pg. 917 | *The Epistle to the Ephesians* No. 15

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## SERMON NOTES

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### **A. Intervention (v. 8)**

1. Grace

2. Saved

3. Gift

### **B. Exclusion (v. 9)**

1. Works

## 2. Boasts

### C. **Creation (v. 10)**

#### 1. Workmanship

#### 2. Works

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

\*The Psalm of Response No. 97 .....“The LORD Reigns” (pp.4-5)

1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad! Let  
2. <sup>3</sup>Fire goes be - fore him and con - sumes his  
3. <sup>5</sup>Hills melt like wax be - fore the LORD, be -  
4. <sup>7</sup>All those who wor - ship im - ag - es are  
5. <sup>8</sup>Your judg - ments glad - den Zi - on's hills, bring

dis - tant shores ex - press de - light! <sup>2</sup>Thick clouds and dark - ness  
 en - e - mies on ev - 'ry side. <sup>4</sup>His light - ning flash - es  
 • fore the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup>The heav'ns pro - claim his  
 put to ev - er - last - ing shame; their worth - less i - dols  
 Ju - dah's daugh - ters great de - light. <sup>9</sup>A - bove the earth and

cov - er him; his throne is built on truth and right.  
 light the world, and all the earth is ter - ri - fied.  
 • righ - teous - ness; all peo - ples see his glo - rious worth.  
 are their boast— you gods, bow down be - fore his name!  
 all the gods, ex - alt - ed is the LORD Most High.

6. <sup>10</sup>Hate evil, you who love the LORD;  
 his faithful ones he will defend,  
 and from the hands of wicked men  
 to them deliv'rance he will send.

7. <sup>11</sup>Upon the righteous light will shine,  
 and joy for those of upright heart.  
<sup>12</sup>You righteous in the LORD rejoice,  
 and praise unto his name impart.

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

## The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**~ God's People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~**

**\*The Psalm of Praise No. 117.....“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 7)**

**The Benediction**

**\*The Response No. 733 .....“The Doxology”**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

***A Note About the Hymns***

We begin our worship singing from Psalm 95, which calls all people to worship God and celebrates His ownership of all things while rejoicing in God's particular possession of His people as “His chosen sheep” and “The people...whom His own hand will keep.” The imagery of Psalm 95 cannot but direct our minds to think upon Him who is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

In response to the Assurance of Pardon, we sing from “Rock of Ages,” in which we rejoice at the salvation God gives to those who confess, “nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling.”

As we make final preparation for the preaching of God's word, we again unite our voices now to sing from Psalm 148 in which God's ownership of all His works is celebrated and all His creation is called to praise Him. In Ephesians 2:8-10, the Apostle meditates upon the grace God has shown in the Gospel toward His people who are His workmanship and new creatures made for good works, which is to the praise of His great Name.

We respond to God's word by singing Psalm 97 in which we celebrate because the light of God shines upon us and gives joy to our hearts. As we come to the table, we see and taste of God's goodness to us because of Christ's suffering. Because Christ was forsaken, the light of God's countenance will never depart from His blood-bought saints.

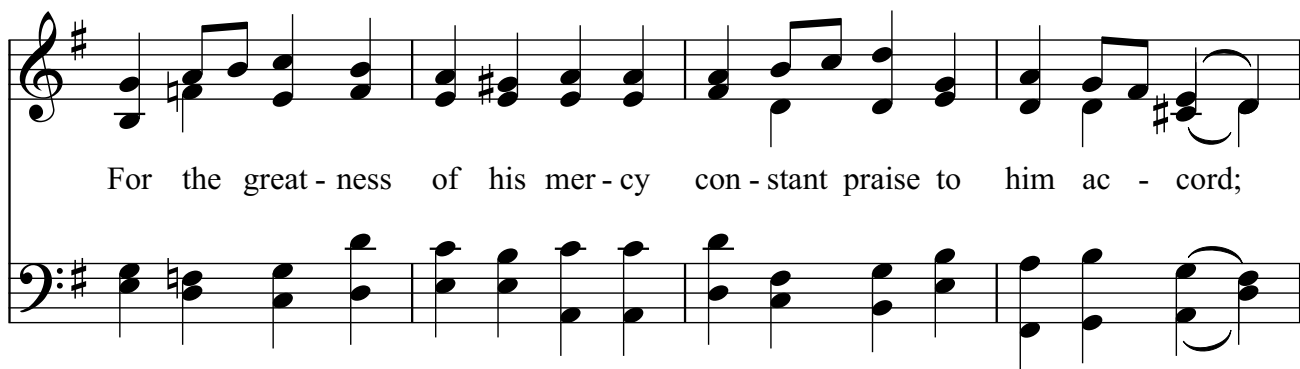
# Psalm 117



<sup>1</sup>Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;



<sup>2</sup>for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.



For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;



ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 4, 2025

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

- + There is no evening worship tonight, but evening worship resumes next week.
- + Following worship this morning, all are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall.
- + A nursing mothers room is provided for moms whose babies may need extra attention during worship. For parents whose little ones get a bit squirmy, the parlor is available as well. Audio of the worship service is provided in both rooms.
- + The PCA General Assembly host committee needs your help. As we prepare to host thousands of visitors in Chattanooga this June, we have over 400 opportunities for volunteers to serve throughout the course of the week. We need people to help load and unload, stuff bags, serve in the nursery, chaperone youth events, greet people, prepare communion elements, and much more. The service opportunities range from two hours to all day. Sign up via QR code:



## 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](https://FPFO.org/give)

## FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

### The Lord's Day

### Wednesday

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)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Song Class

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

Nursery: May 4: E. Wilson & M. Tuggle

May 11: M.L. Wilson & L. Bible