# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MAY 28, 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. TH44 ...... \*The Prayer of Adoration

Q. What is Justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

# The Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, forgive us for forgetting that You are jealous of our love and zealous for Your glory.

Forgive us for looking elsewhere for what You alone can give. We have worshiped other gods in what You have created rather than desiring, loving, and serving You.

Forgive our waywardness, our anxious thoughts, our unruly emotions and trusting that which is untrustworthy.

Make us to be people who worship You, and You alone through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession



### ~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon......1 Corinthians 15:56–58

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

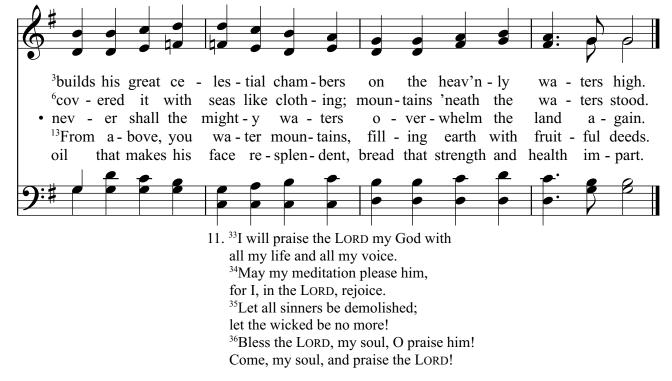




<sup>19</sup>See how many are my foes, see the vi'lence of their hate.
<sup>20</sup>Guard my soul! Deliver me! Let me not be put to shame,
<sup>21</sup>since I wait for you, O LORD. May my uprightness prevail.
<sup>22</sup>From his troubles, gracious God, O redeem your Israel.

The Encouragement to Give	Psalm 37:21–22
The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and	
gives; for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land, but those cursed by	
him shall be cut off.	
The Offertory	
The Great Prayer	Elder Nathan Bowers
*The Psalm No. 104	'Bless the LORD, My Soul" (pages 4-5)





The Sermon ......Dr. Allen Hawkins

"The Unchained Christ" | Philippians 1:12-18 | p. 921

#### SERMON NOTES

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~		
*The Hymn of Commitment No. 441	"Jesus Shall Reign"	
~ 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. Shay Henshall keeps track of a prayer list for the church ladies for prayer requests to be submitted and for information to be relayed during the week to those who want to pray for Family and Friends at FPFO. If you are interested in being a part of this or have a prayer request to submit, please email fpfowicprayer@proton.me or speak with Shay Henshall.

# Summer Adult Sunday School Course

"What comes to mind when someone mentions 'meditation? Have you given much thought to the immensely helpful practice of *Christian* meditation? Thomas Watson observed, "The devil is an enemy of meditation . . . He knows that meditation is a means to compose the heart, and to bring it into a gracious frame." James Ussher counseled people over 350 years ago: "One hour spent [in meditation], is worth more than a thousand sermons, and this is no debasing of the word, but an honor unto it." This summer the adult Sunday school class will be using David Saxton's book, *God's Battle Plan for the Mind: The Puritan Practice of Biblical Meditation*, as a tool to guide us in the practice of Christian meditation. We may also think of this series as an extended, practical application of Romans 12:2: to be transformed by the renewing of the mind. The book is short, which will allow ample time for discussion and examples for consideration, so please join RE Bowers as he leads this study from June 4 through August 27.

Morning Fellowship Cafe:

Lord's Days | 9:20-9:40

All are invited to a time of socializing and conversation each Lord's Day morning over coffee and light snacks from starting at 9:20 a.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are willing to serve on a rotation to help with snacks and clean-up, please talk with Shay Henshall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 28, 2023

- + The Service & Adventure Week for Youth & Young Adults will be July 10-15. Additional information will be distributed electronically.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed next Lord's Day morning followed by a fellowship meal together.
- + This year for Operation Christmas Child, we are focusing on filling boxes for 10– 14-year-old boys, a frequently under-served age group. For May, please consider bringing items such as soccer balls (deflated) and pumps, Nerf balls, fishing lines, weights, and/or hooks, as well as playing cards.
- + This Lord's Day we welcome Doctor Allen Hawkins. He grew up in Reidsville, North Carolina and graduated from Covenant College. He and his wife, Dorcas, moved to Chattanooga from Hattiesburg, Mississippi in 2018 to join their two adult children. He holds a divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi. While in Hattiesburg, he served as stated pulpit supply at 5 small Presbyterian churches for 11 years. He is currently licensed to preach by Tennessee Valley Presbytery and is taking further education at Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his family currently are active at Wayside Presbyterian Church on Signal Mountain.

# 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: <u>FPFO.org/give</u>

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule		
The Lord's Day	Wednesday	
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting	
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper	
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship	6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting	
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast	6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class	
WAAK 94.7 FM	6:30 p.m. Youth & Young Adult	
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	Defending the Faith by RC Sproul	
(excluding First Sundays)	On First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays there is outreach at the Crossings Apts.	
<b>Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.</b> Nursery May 28: R. Wilson & A. Wilson June 4: J. Porter & T. Keller		