

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | MAY 11, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

## The Announcements

## The Prelude

## \*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 343 .....“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

## \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith .....The Apostle’s Creed (p. 845)

The Call to Confession.....Matthew 22:34–40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

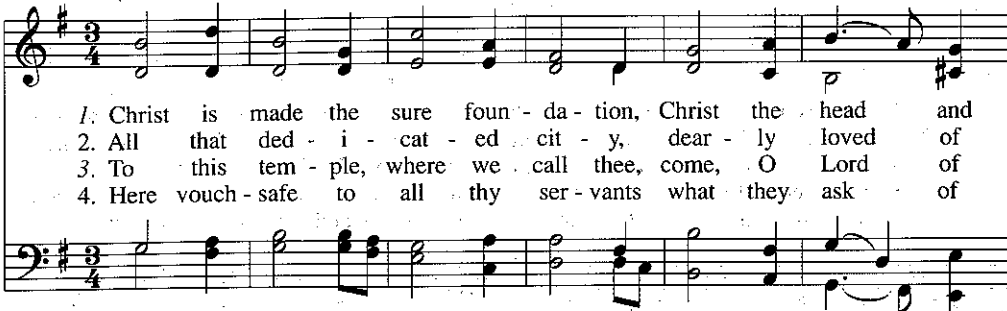
## The Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. As Judge of the whole earth, You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love, You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, a life worthy of Your Name. Judge us not according to our works, but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day.*

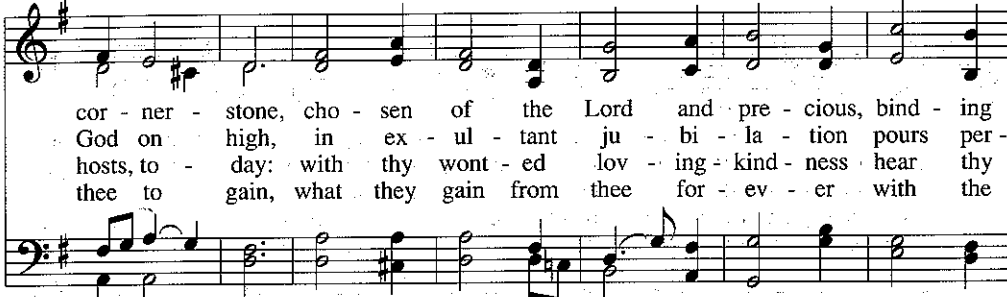
## The Silent Confession

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

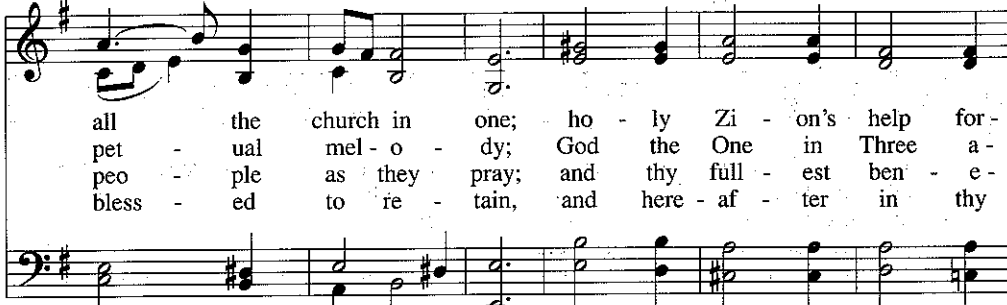
*The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16*



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - 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.

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## Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2*

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - ner free,  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

**The Assurance of Pardon .....1 John 1:8–9**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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. TH57. “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!” (Ps. 146)**

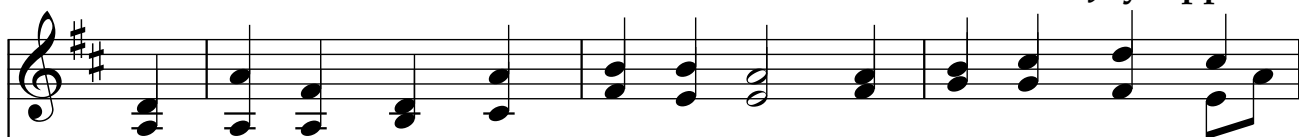
**The Offering and Encouragement to Give ..... 2 Corinthians 8:9**

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 Old Testament Reading .....Exodus 4**

**The Great Prayer.....Elder John Taylor**

**\*The Psalm No. 66 .....“O Shout to God With Joy” (pp. 2-3)**



1. <sup>1</sup>O shout to God with joy, all earth, <sup>2</sup>the glo - ry of his  
2. <sup>5</sup>O come and see what God has done; how awe - some in his  
3. <sup>8</sup>O peo - ples, bless our God and sound <sup>9</sup>his praise, who makes our  
4. <sup>13</sup>I come with of - f'rings to your house; and there per - form to  
5. <sup>16</sup>Come, all who fear the Lord, draw near; what God has done for

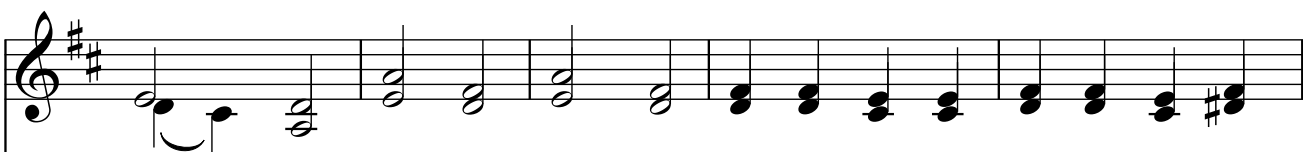


- name sing forth, and give him glo - rious prais - es! <sup>3</sup>Now say to God, “How  
deeds to men is God a - mong the na - tions. <sup>6</sup>He turned the sea to  
• life a - bound and keeps our feet from fall - ing. <sup>10</sup>Like sil - ver in a  
you the vows <sup>14</sup>my lips sin - cere - ly ut - tered. My mouth de - clared in  
me, now hear: <sup>17</sup>I cried to him and praised him. <sup>18</sup>If sin took hold with -

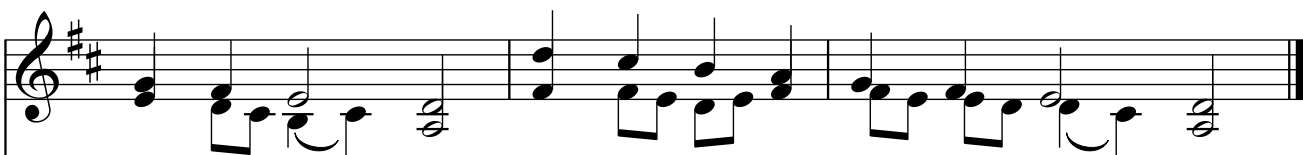
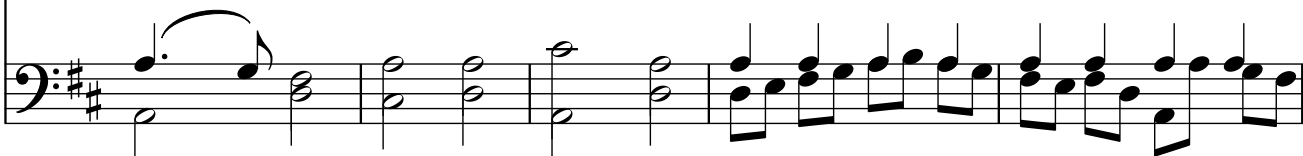




great your deeds, so great in pow'r, your en - e - mies will cringe be - fore your  
des - ert land; we crossed by foot on riv - er sand and there sang ju - bi-  
• fur - nace tried, you test - ed us and pur - i - fied; <sup>11</sup>you caught us in your  
suf - fer - ing that I will bring burnt of - fer - ings—the fat and choic - est  
in my heart, my pray'r the Lord would not re - gard, <sup>19</sup>but tru - ly God has



pres - ence. <sup>4</sup>Praise him! Praise him!—all the earth with voic - es ring - ing,  
la - tion. <sup>7</sup>King for - ev - er, God in watch - ful ob - ser - va - tion  
• net - ting. You, Lord, crushed us—<sup>12</sup>fire and wa - ter came up - on us,  
crea - tures. <sup>15</sup>Here I of - fer with the smoke of sac - ri - fic - es  
lis - tened. <sup>20</sup>Bless him! Bless him! God has not de - spised the need - y;



wor - ship bring - ing. Prais - es to your name they're sing - ing."  
rules the na - tions. Let no reb - el rise a - gainst him!  
• men rode o'er us. Yet to boun - ty you have brought us!  
all my prais - es. Bulls and goats I bring in ser - vice.  
he has heard me. God has not re - moved his mer - cy!



## Sermon Notes

## I. Introduction

## II. Main Argument

### A. Obsolete (v. 11)

1. Remember
2. The Uncircumcision
3. The Circumcision
4. The Flesh

### B. Lack (v. 12)

1. Separated
2. Alienated

3. Strangers

4. Hopeless

5. Godless

#### **C. Blood (v. 13)**

1. Overcome

2. Covenant

#### **D. Application**

### **III. Conclusion**

# \*The Hymn of Commitment ..... "O to See the Dawn"

1.O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the road to Cal - va -  
 2.O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some weight of  
 3.Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its Ma - ker bows His  
 4.O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - fring I am

8 Gsus G F/A G/B Cadd9 C G<sup>7</sup>sus/DG<sup>7</sup>/D Cadd9/E F C/E Fma<sup>7</sup>

ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of  
 sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood-stained  
 head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life- "Fin - ished!" the vic - tory  
 free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your self - less

## Chorus

15 Gsus G C/E F G/B Cadd9 C C/E F G/B

wood. \_\_\_\_\_  
 brow. \_\_\_\_\_ } This the pow'r \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross: \_\_\_\_\_ Christ be- came \_\_\_\_\_ sin for  
 cry. \_\_\_\_\_  
 love! \_\_\_\_\_ This the pow'r \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross: \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God- \_\_\_\_\_ slain for



23 Cadd<sup>9</sup> C C/E F D/F# G G/F C/E F Gsus G C

us. \_\_\_\_\_ Took the blame, \_\_\_\_\_ bore the wrath; We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.  
 us. \_\_\_\_\_ What a love, \_\_\_\_\_ what a cost! We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.

## 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.*

## A Note About the Hymns

We begin our worship singing of Christ, "the Firm Foundation" who has made us into a temple for God by the Holy Spirit. This is the very theme the Apostle is building toward in Ephesians 2: the termination of the separation between Jew and Gentile, but all coming to God through Christ as one man.

In response to the Assurance of Pardon we sing from Psalm 146, in which the psalmist rejoices because of God's universal reign and kingship and the praises that come to Him from Zion. God's universal reign manifested most clearly in Christ who has drawn all people to Himself and reconciled a folk from every tribe and nation to serve the living God.

Likewise, Psalm 66, which we sing before the preaching anticipates the day when "all the earth" will shout to God with "glorious praises." The psalmist closes by calling "all who fear the Lord" to hear what God has done for him, which is precisely what Paul explains in Ephesians 2:11ff.

In response to the preaching, we sing of Christ's resurrection and the power of the cross which has crushed death and accomplished the full forgiveness of Christ's people who have been "brought near by the blood of Christ."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 11, 2025

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be **emailed** to **office@fpfo.org**.

- ❖ Please answer God's call to worship this evening with us at 6:00 p.m. We will begin with our customary hymn sing at 5:50 p.m. So be ready with your requests!
- ❖ Please do not bring food or drinks into the auditorium. Snacks are provided for young children in the nursery as well as for all people before Sunday school.
- ❖ 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 Moms Club will meet May 15 at the Nature Center Playscape starting at 10:00 a.m. Please see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

## 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 by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://FPFO.org/give)

To submit prayer requests, email the church office or call 706-866-2521.

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

May 18: R. Wilson & H. Rowan