

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

### \*The Call to Worship

\*The Psalm of Praise No. TH45.....“Now Unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty”

### \*The Prayer of Adoration

The Confession of Faith .....The Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 31

Q. What is Effectual Calling?

A. *Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, He doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

The Call to Confession.....Psalm 119:118–119

You spurn all who go astray from your statutes, for their cunning is in vain. All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross, therefore I love your testimonies.

### The Confession of Sin

*O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love, we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because you, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide within us until it has wrought in us your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray.*

### The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Titus 3:5-7

# 45 Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty

*Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ps. 29:1*

Γ C F Dm C F B♭ C7 F C 7 C7

1. Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y, all  
 2. The voice of Je - ho - vah comes down on the wa - ters; in  
 3. The voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is might - y; the  
 4. Each one in His tem - ple His glo - ry pro - claim - eth. He

F C Dm C F Dm G C F Dm C

glo - ry and strength and do - min - ion ac - cord; as - cribe to him  
 thun - der the God of the glo - ry draws nigh. Lo, o - ver the  
 voice of Je - ho - vah in maj - es - ty speaks: the voice of Je -  
 sat on the flood; he is King on his throne. Je - ho - vah all

F B♭ C7 F C C7 F C Dm C

glo - ry, and ren - der him hon - or. In beau - ty of ho - li - ness  
 waves of the wide - flow - ing wa - ters Je - ho - vah as King is en -  
 ho - vah the ce - dars is break - ing; Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of  
 strength to his peo - ple im - part - eth; Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er

F Dm G C Γ F B♭ F C7 F Dm Gm F C7 F 7

wor - ship the Lord, in beau - ty of ho - li - ness wor - ship the Lord.  
 thron - ed on high! Je - ho - vah as King is en - thron - ed on high!  
 Leb - a - non breaks, Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of Leb - a - non breaks.  
 bless - eth his own, Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er bless - eth his own.

Psalm 29:1-5, 9-11  
 St. 1, *The Psalter*, 1912  
 St. 2-4, *Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt.  
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## How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

*Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*  
Ps. 32:1

1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,  
2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,  
3. So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near;  
4. I gra - cious - ly will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,  
5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,

whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.  
thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;  
• no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear,  
and with mine eye up - on thee my coun - sel make thee know.  
but those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.

Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin,  
but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,  
• In thee, O Lord, I hide - me, thou sav - est me from ill,  
But be ye not un - rul - y, or slow to un - der - stand;  
Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice.

who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.  
when I con - fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.  
• and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.  
be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand.  
Be glad in God, ye righ - teous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**\*The Hymn of Response No. 551 ....“How Blest Is He Whose Trespass” (Psa. 32)**

**The Encouragement to Give .....2 Corinthians 9:10–11**

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**The Offertory**

**The Recognition of Emeritus Elder....The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

**The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers**

**\*The Psalm No. 20 .....“The LORD in Your Distress Attend”**

1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD in your dis - tress at - tend; may Ja - cob's  
 2. <sup>3</sup>May he re - gard your sac - ri - fice, and all your  
 3. <sup>5</sup>May we in your sal - va - tion joy, our ban - ners  
 4. <sup>6</sup>And this I know: the LORD will save and his a -

God pro - tect you well, <sup>2</sup>and from his ho - ly  
 of - f'rings bear in mind; <sup>4</sup>O may he grant your  
 raise in God's great name. O may the LORD ful -  
 noint - ed one de - fend with sav - ing might of



place send help and strength - en you from Zi - on's hill.  
heart's de - sire, ful - fill - ing all that you de - signed.  
fill your pray'rs and grant you all you ask of him.  
his right hand, from ho - ly heav'n an an - swer send.

5. <sup>7</sup>In chariots some have confidence,  
and some in horses take their pride,  
but we boast only one defense—  
the name of God, the LORD Most High.

6. <sup>8</sup>Now we arise and stand upright,  
while they, subdued and helpless, fall.  
<sup>9</sup>O by your hand, LORD, save the king,  
and may he answer when we call.

**The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese**

“Prepare to Persevere” | John 15:16-16:4 | p. 848 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 97

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**SERMON NOTES**

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\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 670 .....“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

\*The Benediction

\*The Response No. 735 .....“The Gloria Patri”

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## If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

*Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Ps. 55:22*

1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, and hope in  
 2. What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, these nev - er -  
 3. On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 4. All are a - like be - fore the High - est; 'tis eas - y  
 5. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, so do thine

him through all thy ways, he'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help, if thou be - wail thee  
 • hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure  
 to our God, we know, to raise thee up though low thou li - est,  
 own part faith - ful - ly, and trust his Word—though un - de - serv - ing,

and bear thee through the e - vil days: Who trusts in God's un -  
 o'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and tri - als  
 • and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; nor doubt our in - most  
 to make the rich man poor and low; true won - ders still by  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on the Rock that naught can move.  
 do but press the heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
 • wants are known to him who chose us for his own.  
 him are wrought who set - teth up and brings to naught.  
 sook at need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY II, 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; please be ready with your requests.
- + There will be a short meeting after worship today in the library for all nursery adults and helpers as well as for parents with kids in the nursery. Please see Mary Lou or Beth Rowan afterwards with any questions.
- + Elder Training will commence February 18 at 4:00 p.m. the training itself is open to any member of the church who is interested in learning more about the life and work of the Church. Attendance is mandatory for all FPFO elders and elder-candidates. Please contact Pastor Ryan for more information.
- + 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.
- + There will be a joint baby shower for Andra van der Merwe and Natalie Schoeffler on February 24 at 11:00 a.m. Andra is having a baby girl and Natalie a baby boy. There is a refreshments sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.
- + The Moms Encouragement Lunch is Thursday, February 15 at 12:15 p.m. Childcare and lunch are also provided for children. Contact Sandra Taylor for details.

## 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 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: Feb. 11: E. Wilson & T. Keller

Feb. 18: H. Rowan & C. Rowan