

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JULY 9, 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. 353 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 37

Q. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. *Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.*

The Law of God..... Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, our gracious heavenly Father, we acknowledge our transgressions. Our sin is ever before us. All our righteousness is as filthy rags; we all do fade as a leaf and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away; there is none among us who calls upon Your name as we should, nor any that stirs himself to take hold of You. Be merciful to us, O Lord. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Turn us from our wayward paths. Search and try our ways, and draw us unto You, and let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve us, to the glory of Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom alone we approach You, and for whose sake we would forsake our sins and walk in righteousness.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonFirst John 2:1-2

If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. TH6“O Come, My Soul”(Psalm 103)**

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

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 PrayerElder David Bosshardt

***The Psalm No. 48.....“The LORD Is Great” (pages 6-7)**

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“Final Appeal” | John 12:44-50 | Page 846 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 73

SERMON NOTES

A. Unity (vv. 44-45)

1. Reliable Word: Why does the context of this saying not particularly matter?

a. What is the origin of Jesus’ words and ministry?

b. How do we know He speaks of His father?

2. Subordination of the Son (v. 45)

a. How is the Son doing everything the Father does demonstrate the dignity and glory of the Son?

b. How did the Son humble Himself in His earthly ministry?

c. Application: ***We cannot make too much of Christ.***

B. Light (v. 46)

1. Purpose
 - a. How have Christians emphasized Jesus' role in dispelling darkness?
 - b. Why is it unlikely Jesus, unlike John's narrative, ignored these Greeks?
 - c. What role does the rejection of Israel have in God's redemptive plan?
 - d. To what does the *hour* refer?
2. Liberation
 - a. How is Jesus bringing light remarkable?
 - b. **Application: *The salvation Jesus brings...***

C. Judgment (vv. 47-48)

1. Warning (v. 47a): Why is it significant Jesus directs His hearers back to His word rather than some other source?
2. Dignity (v. 47b)
 - a. What is the relative contrast in absolute terms?
 - b. In what sense is judgment beneath the Saviour's dignity?
3. Judgment (v. 48)
 - a. How does the word of Christ judge?
 - b. **Application: *There will certainly be a day of judgment.***

D. Life (vv. 49-50)

1. Authority (v. 49)
 - a. Why is the standard of judgment Jesus' words?
 - b. How does Jesus fulfill what was foretold by Moses?
2. Commandment: What has the Father commanded?

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 644....."May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

~ 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.*

Moms Encouragement Lunch

Wednesday, August 2 | 12:15-2:30 p.m. | Childcare Provided
Come relax and talk. To adults. Without being asked to fix a snack.

FPFO YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SERVICE & ADVENTURE WEEK JULY 12-15

If you are aware of people in need of assistance with housework, yard work, or other who have other similar needs, please let Joe Wilson know as there may still be opportunities available for the young people to serve.

Friday and Saturday of "Adventure Week" are open to all the families of the Congregation regardless of age:

Friday: Chattanooga Zoo | Saturday: Big Soddy Creek Golf

FPFO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GAG NIGHT:

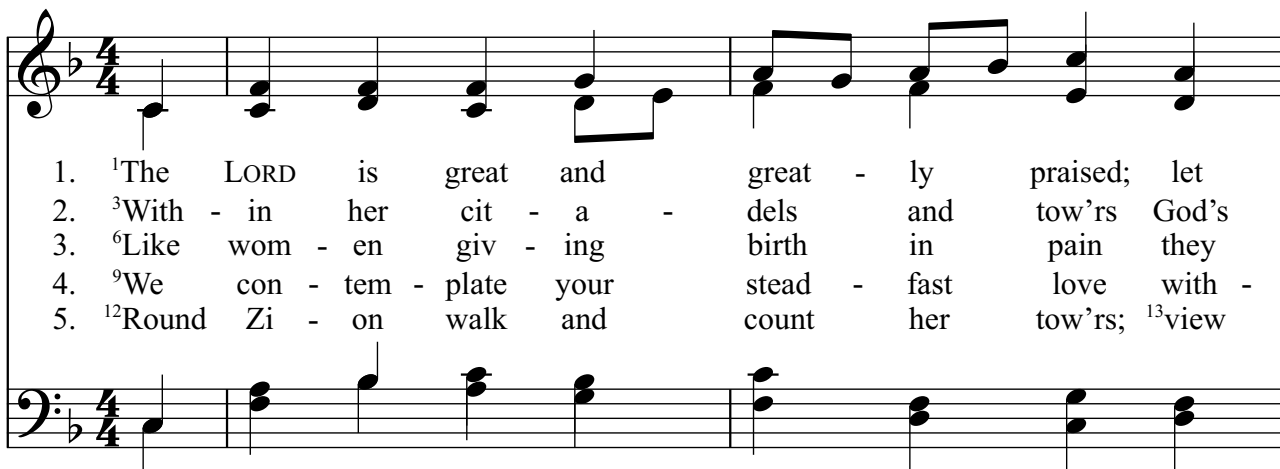
"Games & Gab"

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

7:00 P.M. | CHURCH LIBRARY

PLEASE CONTACT DIANA JOHNSON FOR MORE DETAILS.

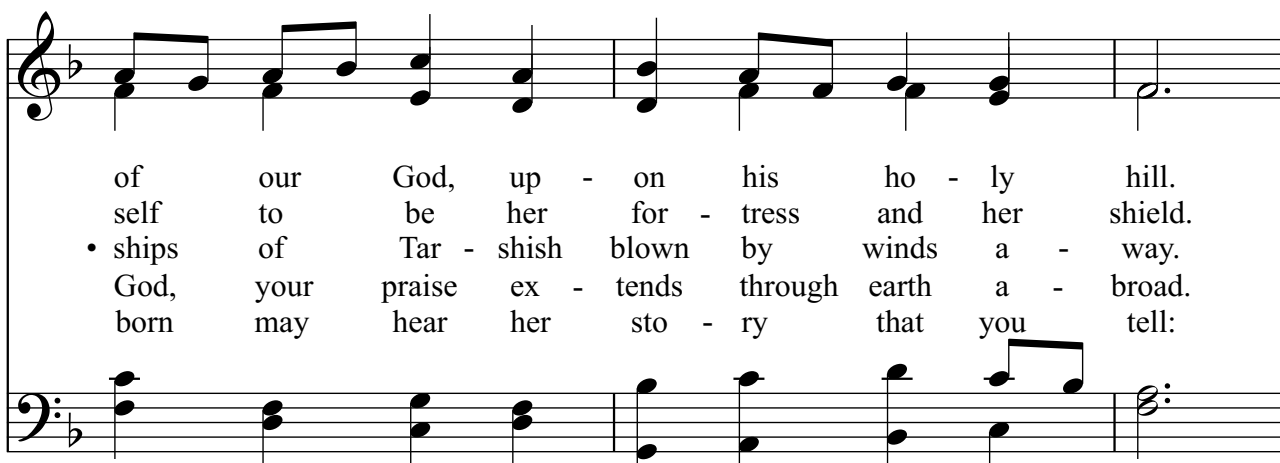
Psalm 48B



1. ¹The LORD is great and great - ly praised; let
2. ³With - in her cit - a - dels and tow'rs God's
3. ⁶Like wom - en giv - ing birth in pain they
4. ⁹We con - tem - plate your stead - fast love with -
5. ¹²Round Zi - on walk and count her tow'rs; ¹³view



all his prais - es tell with - in the cit - y
pres - ence is re - vealed, for he has shown him -
• trem - bled in dis - may. ⁷You shat - tered them like
in your house, O God; ¹⁰for, like your name, O
ev - 'ry cit - a - del, so child - ren yet un -



of our God, up - on his ho - ly hill.
self to be her for - tress and her shield.
• ships of Tar - shish blown by winds a - way.
God, your praise ex - tends through earth a - broad.
born may hear her sto - ry that you tell:

²Mount Zi - on, in its height so love - ly,
⁴Be - hold the kings as - sem - bled there, to -
 • ⁸As we have heard, so we have seen: God's
 With jus - tice is your right hand filled; ¹¹Mount
¹⁴that this, our God and LORD, is God, for -

joy of all the earth; the great King's cit - y
 geth - er they passed by; ⁵they saw her and were
 • cit - y will en - dure; the LORD of hosts for -
 Zi - on's joy is great. Let Ju - dah's daugh - ters
 ev - er he a - bides; for - ev - er he will

far ex - cels the moun - tains of the north.
 filled with awe, in ter - ror took to flight.
 • ev - er - more his cit - y keeps se - cure.
 now re - joice, your judg - ments cel - e - brate.
 be our God and our e - ter - nal guide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 9, 2023

- + The Service & Adventure Week for Youth & Young Adults will be July 12-15.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next Lord's Day.
- + The Women in the Church will meet for their planning session on July 12 at 7:15 p.m. in the church library.
- + 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 July, please consider bringing items such as soccer balls (deflated) and pumps, Nerf balls, fishing lines, weights, and/or hooks, as well as playing cards.
- + There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall to help welcome Baby Girl Rowan who is expected this August to Hannah & Luke. If you would like to leave a gift, please do so by next week.

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://fpfo.org/give).

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.

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
6:30 p.m. Youth & Young Adult
Defending the Faith by RC Sproul
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 July 9: E. Tuggle & C. Rowan

July 16: M.L. Wilson & A. Wilson