

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 198“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord’s Prayer

*The Confession of FaithWestminster Shorter Catechism No. 94

Q. What is baptism?

A. *Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.*

The Law of God.....Luke 12:22-32

The Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we sadly admit that we have transgressed Your law in many ways. Particularly, we have been people of little faith; worrying about what we shall eat, what we shall wear, what we shall do with tomorrow’s problems. We have not sought Your kingdom and righteousness as You have commanded. O Lord, forgive Your people! O Lord, deliver us from evil worry! O Lord, lead us to see You as our portion and our inheritance. O Lord, increase our faith, that we may rest in Your care and providence and thereby show to the world that You are our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ we pray.

The Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 103:8–12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*The Psalm No. 98“O Sing a New Song to the LORD” (pp. 2-3)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin!
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

1. ¹O sing a new song to the LORD, for won - ders he has done,
 2. ²God's great sal - va - tion is re - vealed, for he has made it known,
 3. ³He has re - mem - bered Is - r'el's house in mer - cy and in truth,
 4. ⁴O all the earth, ex - alt the LORD and make a joy - ful noise,
 5. ⁵O praise the LORD with voice and harp, with harps your prais - es sing,

for won - ders he has done. By his right hand and
 for he has made it known. He in the sight of
 • in mer - cy and in truth. God's great sal - va - tion
 and make a joy - ful noise. Lift up your voice a -
 with harps your prais - es sing. ⁶Make joy - ful noise with

ho - ly arm the vic - t'ry he has won, the
 na - tions all his righ - teous - ness has shown, his
 • has been shown to all the ends of earth, to
 loud to him; sing prais - es and re - joice, sing
 trum - pet and horn be - fore the LORD, the King, be -

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 joice, sing prais - es and re - joice, sing prais - es and re - joice.
 King, be - fore the LORD, the King, be - fore the LORD, the King.

6. ⁷Let sea and land and all they hold
 resound with one accord. (sing two times)

⁸Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
 for joy ⁹before the LORD. (Men sing 4 times; Women sing 3 times)

7. He surely comes to judge the earth;
 the judge of all is he. (sing two times)
 He'll judge the world with righteousness,
 all men with equity. (Men sing 4 times; Women sing 3 times)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Evangeline Grace, Penelope Carolynn, and Liesel Anne Brande

- + The Covenant Promises and Institution
- + The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
- + The Sign of the Covenant
- + The Prayer of Consecration

***The Baptismal Psalm No. 364....."Let Children Hear " (Psalm 78)**

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

The Offering Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 54:6-7

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name,
 O LORD, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my
 eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1

The musical score is written for a church setting. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 4 indicating the verses. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first system and a final double bar line at the end of the second system.

1. Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;
 2. He bids us make his glo - ries known, his works of pow'r and grace;
 3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;
 4. Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,

which in our youn - ger years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.
 and we'll con - vey his won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 that gen - er - a - tions yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
 that they may ne'er for - get his works, but prac - tice his com - mands.

From Psalm 78:1-7
 Isaac Watts, 1719

DUNDEE C.M.
 Scottish Psalter, 1615

The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

*The Psalm No. 63“O God, Show Mercy to Us”



1. 'O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your grace;
2. For you will judge the peo - ples with per - fect eq - ui - ty;



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
to na - tions of the whole earth a gov - er - nor you'll be.



²so that the whole world o - ver may tru - ly know your way,
⁵O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.

and so that your sal - va - tion all na - tions see dis - played.
⁶The earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest days

³O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.
 since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes, God will bless - ing send,

⁴Let na - tions come re - joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
 that all the earth may fear him to its re - mot - est end.

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese

“Lasting Blessings” | Ephesians 6:18-24 | Pg. 920 | *The Epistle to the Ephesians* No. 43

SERMON NOTES

A. Prayer (vv. 18-20)

1. Vigilance

2. Supplication

3. Personal Request

B. Purpose (vv. 21-22)

1. Letter-Carrier

2. Christlikeness

3. Comfort & Encouragement

C. Peace (vv. 23-24)

1. Benedictions

2. Covenant Blessings

3. Grace and Love

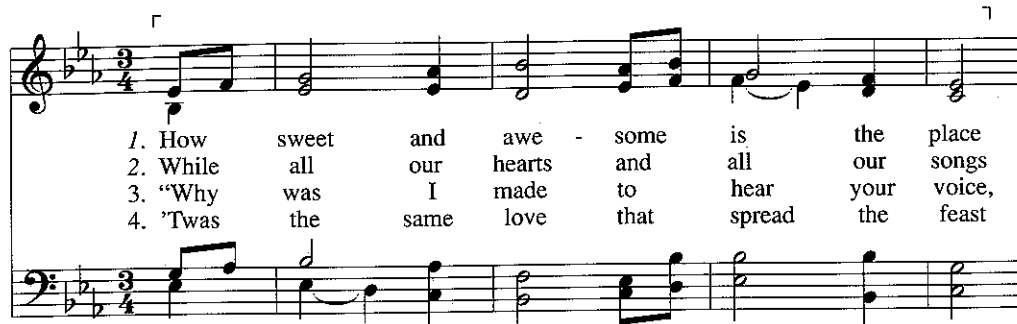
~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Response No. 469.....“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”
The Benediction

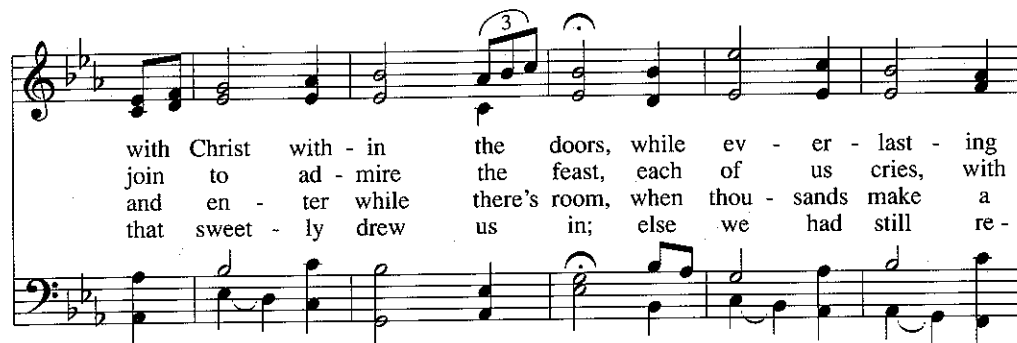
*The Response No. 735.....“The Gloria Patri”

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

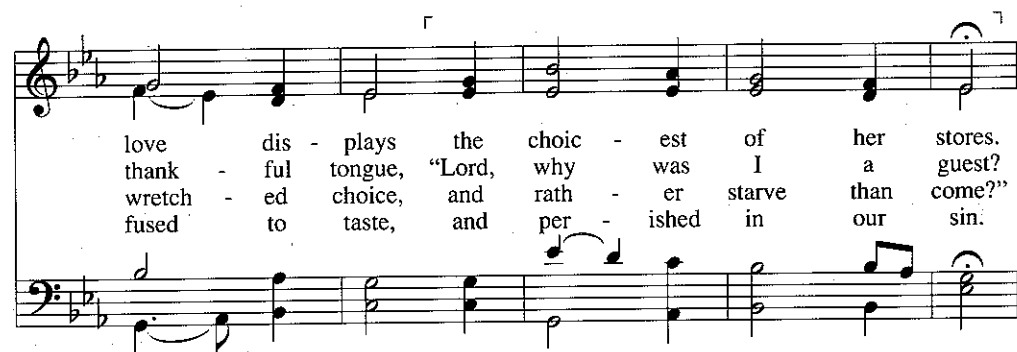
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A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. Luke 14:16


1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast



with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -



love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 constrain the earth to come;
 send your victorious Word abroad,
 and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
 that all the chosen race
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,
 sing your redeeming grace.

Called Congregational Meeting Nov. 30, 2025
For the Purpose of Electing a Pulpit Committee

The Session of FPFO recommends the following particulars to facilitate a smooth pulpit committee election process, in keeping with BCO 20-2:

1. A pulpit committee consisting of members from the congregation at large shall be designated and duly elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting. The only church officers to serve on the committee will be those nominated and elected by the congregation according to this process.
2. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot, which will include a list of submitted nominees and space for additional floor nominees nominated during the congregational meeting for the pulpit committee selection.
3. In order for nominees to have their names printed on the ballot, they need to be submitted in person or via email to the clerk of Session by 11 p.m. Friday, November 28 (with the prior consent of the nominee's willingness to serve on the committee). Floor nominees may be written on the ballot as described above.
4. Nominees must receive a majority (over 50%) of votes in order to serve on the pulpit committee.
5. If the congregation desires for the committee to have a certain number of members, it may establish that number by action from the floor during the congregational meeting. If not enough nominees are elected, the congregation may hold another election later to add members or modify the desired number for the committee. If more nominees secure the required majority than the established seats on the committee, those nominees who receive the highest number of votes shall be selected to fill the committee.
6. Votes will be tallied by the Deacons and Clerk of Session with results announced later in the day on Sunday, November 30.
7. When nominating members to serve, members should keep in mind the roles that may be needed on the committee which include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. Please see PCA Administrative Committee document outlining the common duties of a pastoral search committee as a reference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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

- ❖ **Moms Book Study:** meets Thursday, December 4th at 10:30 a.m. to continue discussing Rosaria Butterfield's *Five Lies of Our Anti Christian Age*. For more information, contact Ann Biese.
- ❖ **Pie Night:** Following evening worship tonight we will have a time of fellowship and desserts on this last Sunday with the Biese family.
- ❖ **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** December 6 at 9:00 AM; please mark you calendars and sign up in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend.
- ❖ If you do not currently have credentials to access the building through the OpenPath App, please contact the church office to set those up.

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- + 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 during the offering in worship, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

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)

Wednesday Evening

5:55 Covered-Dish Supper
6:30-7:15 Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:15 Children's Singing Class

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

Nursery: Nov. 30: R. Wilson & M.L. Wilson Dec. 7: J. Porter & E. Wilson