

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MAY 3, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship John 1:14, 16 & 17-18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, Who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known

*The Hymn of Praise "O Great God" (pg. 4)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (TH pg. 846)

The Call to Confession Hebrews 2:1-3a & Colossians 3:1-3

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? ... If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, You have raised us up with Christ to a new life, yet we confess that we have not wholeheartedly sought the things that are above. We have set our minds on earthly things—on our own selfish ambitions anxieties, and desires—rather than on the glory of Christ, seated at Your right

hand. We confess that we have often acted as if we still belong to this world, pursuing vanity, harboring unforgiveness, and walking in disobedience. We have neglected to live out the truth that we have died to sin and that our true lives are hidden with Christ in God. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us for fixing our gaze on what is temporal rather than what is eternal. By Your Spirit, lift our hearts and minds to set them on things above. Help us to die more and more to our old selves and to live for Christ, who is our life. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

***The Psalm of Praise "Who with God Most High Finds Shelter" (pg. 5)**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Old Testament Reading.....Leviticus 8:1-3, 30-36

The Great PrayerRE Nathan Bowers

***The Psalm of Preparation No. 301 "Join All the Glorious Names"**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon..... Rev. Jim Richter

"The Glorious Results of Justification by Faith" | Romans 5:1-11 | Pg. 886

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 460 “Amazing Grace!”**

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Hymn of Praise No. 650..... “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**

***The Benediction**

***The Response No. 733 “The Doxology”**

O Great God

Key of C

HYMNAL SCORE

C G/B C Dm7 C/E F

1. O great God of high-est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart;
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace.

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

C G/B C F Gsus C

own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.
did not know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

G Am C/E Am F Gsus

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists your ho - ly war;
Then your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up your word to me;
You are wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed;

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

F/A G/B C F Gsus C

you have loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - ev - er - more.
through the gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your name through me!

Musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics.

Psalm 91B

1. ¹Who with God Most High finds shel - ter, lives in God Al - might - y's shade.
 2. God's truth is your shield and buck - ler; ⁵you will fear no ill by night,
 3. ⁹You have made the LORD your ref - uge, God Most High your dwell - ing place.
 4. ¹³You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons, tread on all your dead - ly foes.

²I will say to God, "My God, my for - tress where my trust is stayed."
 nor the shafts in day - light fly - ing, ⁶nor dis - ease that shuns the light,
¹⁰No - thing e - vil shall be - fall you; near your tent no scourge you'll face.
¹⁴Since he loves me, I will save him, keep him, for my name he knows;

³From the fowl - er's snare he'll save you, from the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
 nor the plague that wastes at noon - day. ⁷At your side ten thou - sand fall;
¹¹He will an - gels charge to keep you, guard you well in all your ways,
¹⁵I will hon - or, I will save him; when he calls, I will re - ply.

⁴Cov - er you with out - spread pin - ions, make his wings your con - fi - dence.
⁸you will on - ly see the judg - ment which the wick - ed will be - fall.
¹²bear you up with hands that hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.
¹⁶I will show him my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy."

Sermon Outline for Romans 5:1-11

“The Glorious Results of Justification by Faith”

Today we are moving into a new section in the book of Romans, a section that includes Chapters 5-8. Having set forth the doctrine of justification by God’s grace through faith, Paul now moves on to unfold the amazing glorious benefits that are ours because we have been justified (declared judicially righteous) by faith through the holy life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **The primary theme of this section, according to this preacher and many commentators, is Assurance/Confidence in our saved relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.** This assurance of **who we are** as those who have been once-for-all justified and united to Christ, and our confidence in **Who God is toward us**, is critical for our experience of enjoying and glorifying God forever. Today we will look at how Paul introduces us to three important benefits of our justification, and we will survey the evidence that the entire section is divinely designed to promote our assurance and joy in the Lord.

1. Four Assured, Irrevocable, and Glorious Benefits Because We Have Been Justified by Faith through Our Lord Jesus Christ. (Vs. 1-11).

We have Peace with God because we have been justified. Vs. 1

We Have a Standing in Grace in this life because we have been justified. Vs. 2a

We have a Confident Expectation of Future Glory with God because we have been justified. Vs. 2b

We have Compelling Evidence of God’s Love and Good Purposes for Our Suffering because We Have Been Justified by Christ’s Sacrificial Death and the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. Vs. 3-9

2. The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul Confirms the Central Theme of Our Assurance of Salvation and Confidence in God’s Love and Good Purposes for Us by Concluding Romans Chapter 8 with a Repetition of Essentially the Same Benefits of Our Justification that He introduces in Chapter 5.

We have Compelling Evidence of God’s Love and Good Purposes for Our Suffering because We Have Been Justified by Christ’s Sacrificial Death and the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. Vs. 8:26-32

We have a Confident Expectation of Future Glory with God because we have been justified. Vs. 8:18-25 & 30

We Have a Standing in Grace in this life because we have been justified. Vs. 8:33-39

We have Peace with God because we have been justified. Vs. 8:1 & 33-39

What Is Our Response to These Amazing Glorious Benefits of Our Having Been Justified by God’s Grace Through Faith?

“It is always the Holy Spirit’s work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus. But Satan’s work is just the opposite; he is constantly trying to make us look at ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, ‘Your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you do not have the joy of His children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus.’ All these are thoughts about self, and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self: He tells us that we are nothing, but that Christ is everything.”

Morning and Evening, Charles Spurgeon

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 3, 2026

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

- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection is water bottles, toothbrushes and small stuffed animals (5" or 6").

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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

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

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

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

Nursery: May 3: E. Wilson & L. Murphy May 10: Sarah Wilson & A. Pinyerd