

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JULY 16, 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. 343 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*The Prayer of Adoration

The Presentation of New Communicant Member: Evelyn Ruth Porter

- + Biblical Explanation
- + Vows of Membership
- + Prayer
- + Benediction

*The Confession of Faith The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 38

Q. Why was it required that the mediator should be God?

A. *It was required that the mediator should be God, that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.*

The Law of God Mark 12:28-31

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

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 founda - 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.

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

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Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 • the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 • tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm this to me. I have done that which you have forbidden and left undone what you have commanded. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn me. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To him now I flee; forgive me for his sake, and by your Spirit help me to live in the light of his sacrifice, a life worthy of your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to your great mercy in Jesus Christ, my Lord. For in him I hope, and in him I come before you this day.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....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 Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 135“O Praise the LORD” (Pages 6-7)**

~ 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 Prayer

***The Hymn No. 248.....Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?”**

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

Christ’s Love for His Own | John 13:1-2 | p. 846 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 74

SERMON NOTES

A. Endless Love (v. 1)

1. The Hour Come: To what does Jesus now turn His attention?

2. Christ Loved His Own

a. In what way is Christ’s love for this group remarkable?

b. Application: Consider the significance of Christ's saving love...

- 1) *Heed the call of the Holy Spirit...*
- 2) *Human selfishness cannot comprehend the self-less love of Christ toward His people ...*
- 3) *Christianity is not simply about "getting saved," but enjoying and experiencing the love of God in Christ ...*
- 4) *Christ's love should move us to expressions of gratitude...*
- 5) *Lack of knowledge of Christ's love leaves many far from God...*
- 6) *All our sin springs from inadequate knowledge of Christ's love...*

B. Important Warning (v. 2)

1. Final Supper: What is John's focus in his account of the final Passover?
2. Judas: Also Present
 - a. Why is it shocking no one suspected the impending treason of Judas?
 - b. How does Jesus treat Judas?
3. In League with the Devil
 - a. What sort of men does Satan use to execute his plot to discredit Jesus?
 - b. How does Satan use our sinfulness and personality to his own ends?
4. Application
 - a. *Do not use the love of Christ as an excuse for sin...*
 - b. *Great sin can be found in the heart of the greatly religious...*

c. **Religion and spiritual privileges are no guarantee of salvation...**

d. **Religious hypocrisy indicates there is true religion...**

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"

~ 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.*

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

FPFO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GAG NIGHT: "Games & Gab"

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

7:00 P.M. | CHURCH LIBRARY

PLEASE CONTACT DIANA JOHNSON FOR MORE DETAILS.

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.

Moms Encouragement Lunch

Thursday, August 3 | 12:15-2:30 p.m. | Childcare Provided
Come relax and talk. To adults. Without being asked to fix a snack.

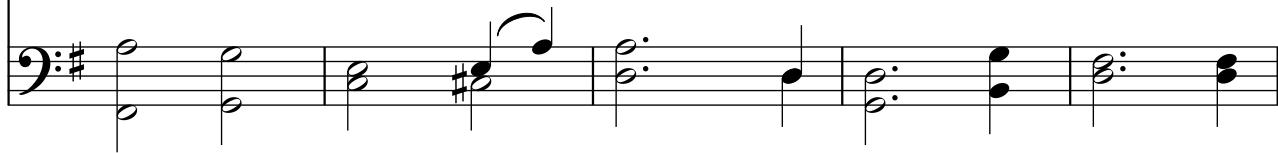
Psalm 135



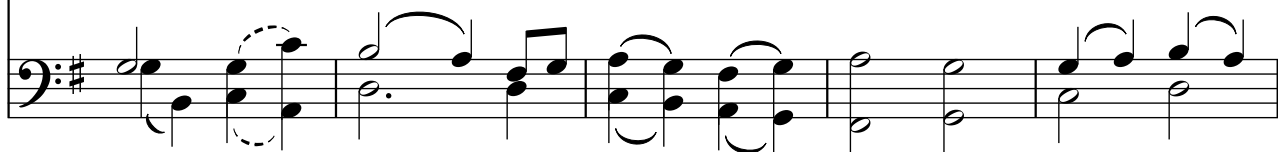
1. ¹O praise the LORD! His praise pro - claim! All you his
2. ⁵I know the LORD is high in state; a - bove all
3. ⁸He struck down E - gypt's first - born sons, both man and
4. ¹³Your name, O LORD, for - e'er en - dures; through ev - 'ry
5. ¹⁹O house of Is - r'el, bless the LORD! O house of

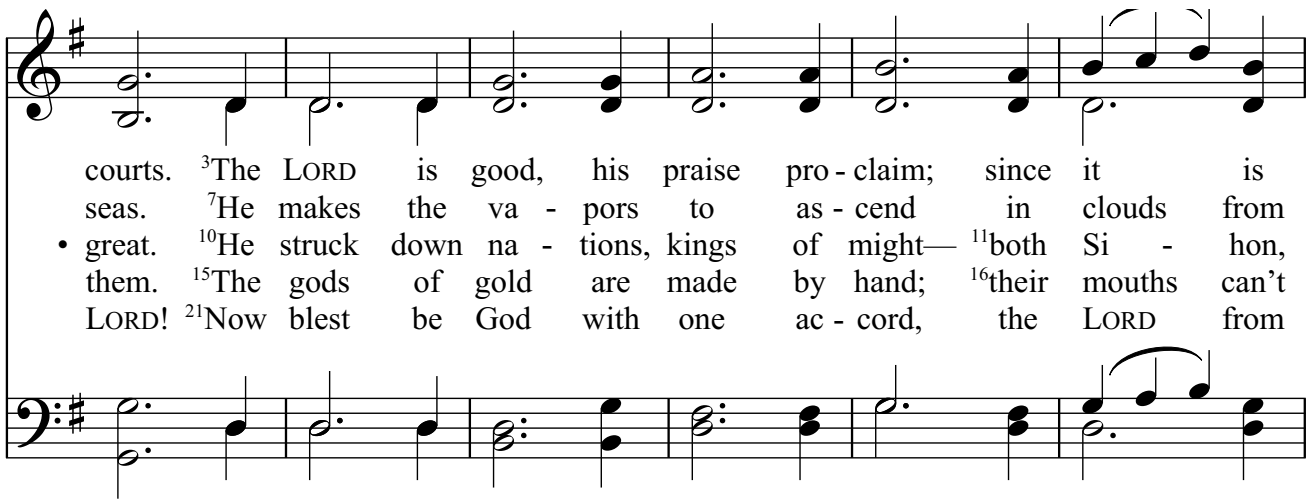


ser - vants, praise his name, ²who stand with - in the
gods our God is great. ⁶The LORD per - forms what
• beast, their choic - est ones. ⁹On E - gypt, 'gainst the
age your fame is sure. ¹⁴The LORD his peo - ple
Aa - ron, bless the LORD! ²⁰O house of Le - vi,

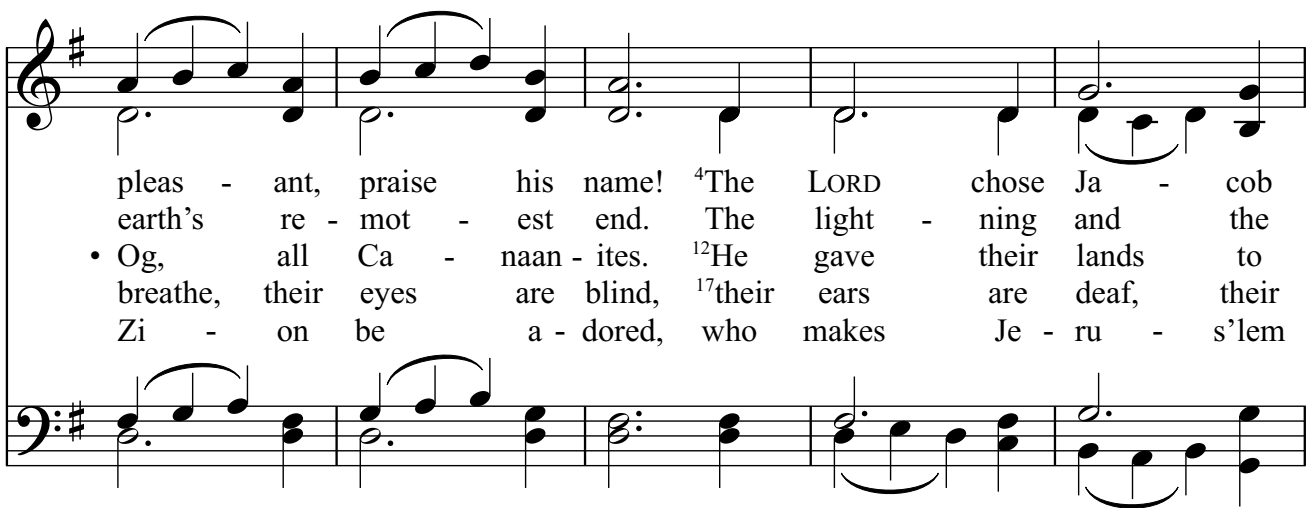


house of the LORD and hum - bly serve with - in his
he de - crees in heav'n and earth, in depths and
• Phar - aoh's might, the LORD sent signs and won - ders
will de - fend, and great com - pas - sion shows to
bless the LORD! All you who fear him, bless the

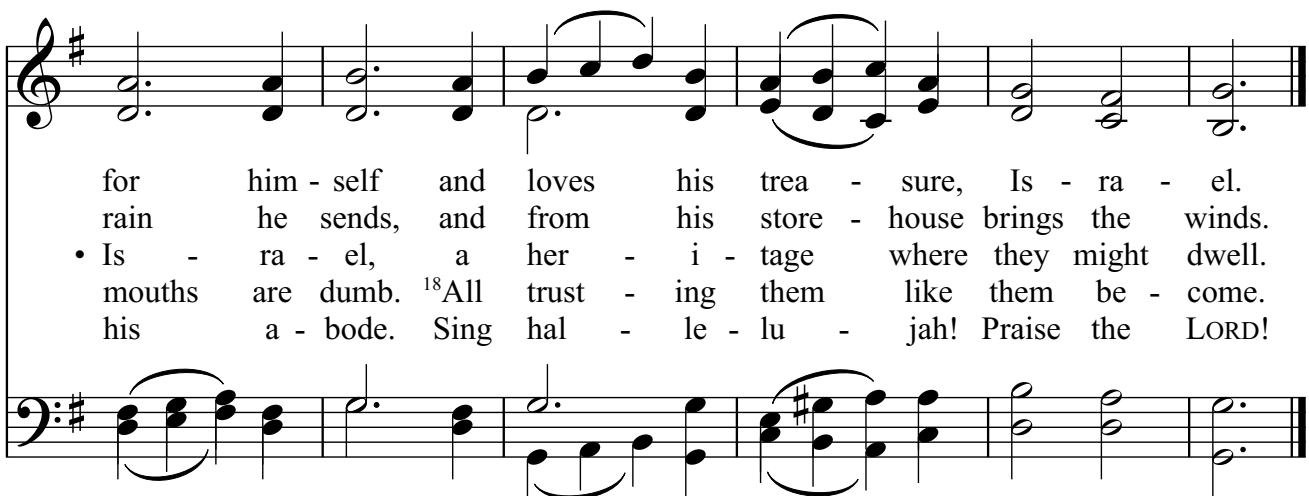




courts. ³The LORD is good, his praise pro-claim; since it is seas. ⁷He makes the va-pors to as-cend in clouds from great. ¹⁰He struck down na-tions, kings of might— ¹¹both Si-hon, them. ¹⁵The gods of gold are made by hand; ¹⁶their mouths can't LORD! ²¹Now blest be God with one ac-cord, the LORD from



pleas-ant, praise his name! ⁴The LORD chose Ja-cob earth's re-mot-est end. The light-ning and the Og, all Ca-naan-ites. ¹²He gave their lands to breathe, their eyes are blind, ¹⁷their ears are deaf, their Zi-on be a-dored, who makes Je-ru-s'lem



for him-self and loves his trea-sure, Is-ra-el. rain he sends, and from his store-house brings the winds. Is-ra-el, a her-i-tage where they might dwell. mouths are dumb. ¹⁸All trust-ing them like them be-come. his a-bode. Sing hal-le-lu-jah! Praise the LORD!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 16, 2023

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship tonight.
- + Elder Bowers' shepherding group is encouraged to stay for an casual lunch following morning worship on July 23 for fellowship, informal time of questions & answers, and prayer. Please bring a lunch for your own household.
- + 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.

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.

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 16: M.L. Wilson & A. Wilson

July 23: Sarah Wilson & M. Tuggle