

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | OCTOBER 29, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

## The Announcements

*Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:*



## The Prelude

### \*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. TH92....."A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith .....The Heidelberg Catechism No. 37

Q. Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and Paul use the words, a participation in Christ's body and blood?

A. *Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that just as bread and wine nourish the temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life. But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.*

The Law of God .....Exodus 20:4-6

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Almighty God Your holy Word tells us how to worship You and warns us against approaching You without the reverence, awe, and obedience You are due. Yet we confess we have been careless about Your worship; we have not had proper regard for Your holiness as we draw near to You. Please show us mercy and forgive our improper worship.*

*Our Father, You have been pleased to draw us by the light of Your gospel out of the horrible darkness and death that had immersed us, and You have made Your face so clear to us in the person of Your only-begotten son that nothing but our ingratitude prevents us from being transformed into Your heavenly glory.*

*Grant us to grow in grace and gratitude, in the light of the truth, to forsake our former ignorance, and to freely and sincerely confess our sins, for we are the lost sheep You have brought into the way of salvation by Your hand.*

*Enable us to walk in the way of our holy calling until we shall all be gathered into heaven when the splendor of Your glory shall shine in us and make us all like the glorious Image of Your Son in Whose Name we pray.*

## **The Silent Confession**

**~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~**

### **The Assurance of Pardon.....John 4:21–24**

The hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

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

### **\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving .....“Before the Throne of God Above” (pages 6-7)**

### **The Encouragement to Give.....2 Corinthians 9:7–8**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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

\*The Psalm No. 121....."I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills" (page 3)

1. <sup>1</sup>I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
2. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; your keep - er will not sleep.
3. <sup>5</sup>At your right hand the LORD, your keep - er, is your con - stant shade.
4. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life se - cure.

- <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD a - bove, who heav'n and earth has made.
- <sup>4</sup>Be - hold, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps, for he will Is - r'el keep.
- <sup>6</sup>The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.
- <sup>8</sup>Your go - ing out and com - ing in, the LORD keeps ev - er - more.

The Sermon .....Dr. Allen Hawkins

"Our Keeping God" | Psalm 121 | Page 484

SERMON NOTES

**I. Introduction**

**II. Main Argument**

**A. He Keeps Us (vv. 1-2)**

**B. He Keeps Us Watchfully (vv. 3-4)**

**C. He Keeps Us Personally (vv. 5-6)**

**D. He Keeps Us Comprehensively (vv. 7-8)**

**III. Conclusion**

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 166....."Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

~ God Blesses His People ~

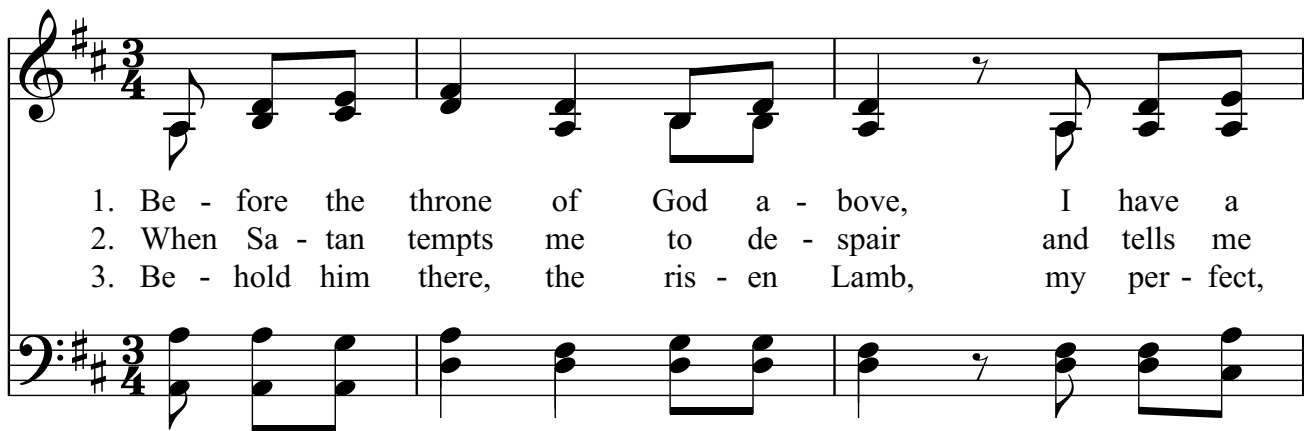
\*The Benediction

\*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.*



# Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



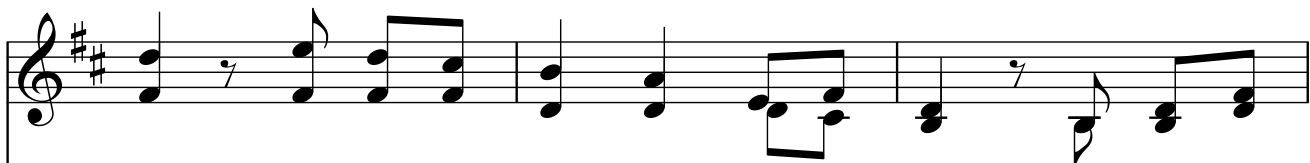
strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



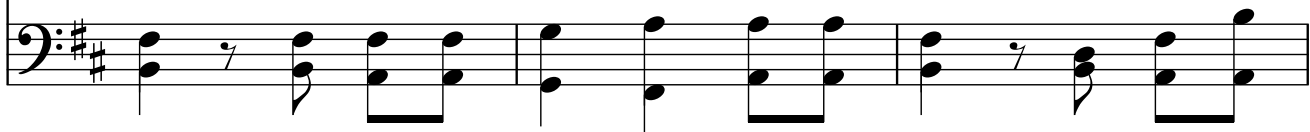
who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -



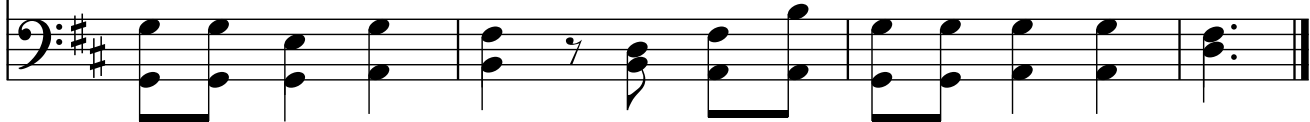
grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 29, 2023

- + Instead of evening worship at FPFO tonight, there is the Presbytery Joint Hymn Festival at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga; it begins at 6:00 p.m.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of morning worship next Lord's day.
- + We are collecting diapers (sizes 3-6) for the *Choices Pregnancy Ministry* until 11/26/23. Thanks to all who contribute. The box is in the fellowship hall.
- + This year for Operation Christmas Child, we are focusing on filling boxes for 10 - 14 year old boys. An updated list of items needed is available near the OCC box in the Fellowship Hall. The goal is to fill 100 boxes this year.
- + The Bridal Basket to celebrate the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Brumley is in the Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to give a gift to them.

### 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://FPFO.org/give).

## MOMS ENCOURAGEMENT LUNCH

Tuesday, October 31 | 12:15-2:30 p.m. | Childcare Provided  
Come relax and talk. To adults. Without being asked to fix a snack.

### 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 Oct. 29: R. Wilson & E. Tuggle

Nov. 5: E. Wilson & T. Keller