

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | April 20, 2025 | 6 o'clock

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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 275 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

*THE INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*THE LAW OF GOD Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Spirit, as you prick our consciences with these words from Romans, we recognize that there are so many things to do; important-seeming things, and we don't always find it easy to be prepared. Cleanse us and renew our expectation, Holy Spirit. We are sorry for our little faith and low expectation. We are sorry for being harsh when tenderness was needed. We are sorry for being cowardly when courage was called for. We are sorry for being so easily lured away from our duty so that we do neither what we want nor what we ought.

Grant that we may rightly consider our Savior bearing all these sins in our place. Wean us off our own way that we would not preference ourselves to others.

Free us from a critical spirit and a grumbling tongue and give us a zeal to serve, support, and encourage our brethren. Lord Jesus, please scrub the deep stains of all these deforming rebellions out of us, and out of those we have injured by our failures of consideration, patience, and sacrificial affection. Please graciously restore those we have hurt with our careless disregard, and conform us to your glorious likeness.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDONRomans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 97 "The LORD's Reigns" (pp. 4-5)

1. ¹The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad! Let
 2. ³Fire goes be - fore him and con - sumes his
 3. ⁵Hills melt like wax be - fore the LORD, be -
 4. ⁷All those who wor - ship im - ag - es are
 5. ⁸Your judg - ments glad - den Zi - on's hills, bring

dis - tant shores ex - press de - light! ²Thick clouds and dark - ness
 en - e - mies on ev - 'ry side. ⁴His light - ning flash - es
 • fore the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The heav'ns pro - claim his
 put to ev - er - last - ing shame; their worth - less i - dols
 Ju - dah's daugh - ters great de - light. ⁹A - bove the earth and

cov - er him; his throne is built on truth and right.
 light the world, and all the earth is ter - ri - fied.
 • righ - teous - ness; all peo - ples see his glo - rious worth.
 are their boast— you gods, bow down be - fore his name!
 all the gods, ex - alt - ed is the LORD Most High.

6. ¹⁰Hate evil, you who love the LORD;
 his faithful ones he will defend,
 and from the hands of wicked men
 to them deliv'rance he will send.

7. ¹¹Upon the righteous light will shine,
 and joy for those of upright heart.
¹²You righteous in the LORD rejoice,
 and praise unto his name impart.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGEzra 10 (p. 368)

THE SERMON“Adjudication”

A. Proposal (vv. 1-6)

1. Turning (v. 1)

2. Confession (v. 2)

3. Hope (v. 3)

4. Agreement (vv. 4-5)

5. Grief (v. 6)

B. Proclamation (vv. 7-8)

C. Problem (vv. 9-11)

1. Trembling (v. 9)

2. Indictment (v. 10)

3. Remedy (v. 11)

D. Program (vv. 12-17)

1. Willingness (v. 12)
2. Representation (vv. 13-14)
3. Opposition (v. 15)

E. Hall of Shame (vv. 18-44)

1. Priests (vv. 18-22)
2. Levites & Gatekeepers (v. 23)
3. Israel (vv. 24-44)

*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 285“Jesus, Lord Redeemer”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE NO. 733“The Doxology”

The opening hymn, *The Strife is O'er*, has an interesting construction: There are three lines in each stanza that are followed by a resounding, Alleluia!. In the first line of each stanza, we see the forces of evil that tried to conquer Christ but were beaten. Then we see a more positive expression of what has occurred: Christ has won, He rises, He opens heaven and frees slaves. Finally, we respond with songs and shouts of joy.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

When the difficulties of life suggest that evil and chaos reign, we need to see that God occupies the throne in heaven and rules this world. Revelation: Hope in the Darkness by Scotty Smith reminds us that though these can be scary times, we have a champion Savior in Jesus Christ, who is with us and will one day make all things right.

Continues Saturday, January 25 | 9:00 a.m.
Contact Susan Wilson for more details.

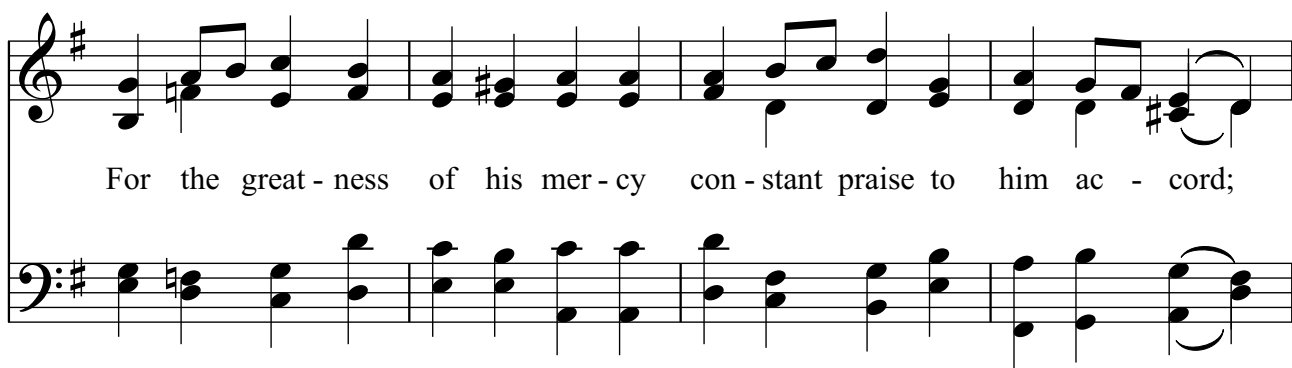




¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;



²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.



For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;



ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!