

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship Zechariah 2:10

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD."

*The Hymn of Praise No. 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith WCF 8.2

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

The Call to Confession Proverbs 28:13

"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

The Prayer of Confession

Our Father and our God, we come before You this morning to confess the sins that we have committed against You, even this morning. Forgive us for our widespread rebellion; for throwing ourselves beyond temptation in order to satisfy the lusts of our flesh, the lusts of our eyes, and the pride that so deeply dwells within our hearts. We confess that our thoughts are far too captivated by the things of this earth, and that we meditate far too little upon Your kingdom above or upon our union with our Redeemer and Lord. Work in us a true and abiding repentance, and mold our lives according to the light of Your word and Spirit, so that we might walk in delighted obedience and sweet communion with our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:4-5

"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

*The Hymn No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give.....	Exodus 25:1-2
<i>"The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive the offering for Me from each man whose heart prompts him to give."</i>	
The Old Testament Reading.....	Exodus 29:1-28
The Great Prayer.....	RE Wil Davis
*TH No. 138.....	"The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord" (Psa. 19)

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon.....	Rev. Joshua Adair
<i>"The Feeding of the Five Thousand" Matthew 14:13-21 Pg. 769</i>	

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Response No. 207	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
*The Benediction	
*The Response No. 735.....	"The Gloria Patri"

Did you know *Joy to the World* was not originally intended to be a Christmas carol? The great hymn writer Isaac Watts penned it in 1719 as part of his *Psalm of David Imitated*. It has since become one of the most beloved songs in church history.

The third stanza has a particularly profound and encouraging sentence: "He comes to make his blessings flow // far as the curse is found."

What was the mission of Jesus? What is the promise of the prickly manger bed, the bloody cross, and the empty tomb? What is the ultimate goal of the reigning King Christ?

What is the scope of the work of redemption? What in the world is God working on? What does the final chapter of the grand redemptive story look like?

The words of this grand old hymn capture it with accuracy and power. While Jesus indeed did come "to make his blessings flow," it's not enough to say. You must add, "far as the curse is found."

You see, Jesus didn't simply come to rescue disembodied souls. Yes, he saves our souls from eternal damnation; we should be eternally grateful for that. But he also came to unleash his powerful restoring grace to the furthest extent of sin.

He came to restore every single thing that sin has broken. He came to fix it all! His redemptive mission is as complete as sin's destruction is comprehensive.

I love the words of Revelation 21:5, and so should you: "Behold, I am making all things new."

Are you tired of the futility and frustration of this broken world? Are you exhausted by sin, suffering, and death? Are you burdened with the pain that lives inside you and outside you? At times, do you wonder if anyone knows, if anyone understands, and if anyone cares?

The words of this great hymn and this encouraging passage from the final book of the Bible are for you. Your Redeemer knows. Your Redeemer understands. Your Redeemer cares.

His grace has been unleashed, and its work will not be done until every last sin-broken thing is fully and completely made new.

Be encouraged this Christmas season. Your Redeemer is at work!

God bless,

Paul David Tripp

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come," (third and fourth stanza) by Isaac Watts, 1719.

FPFO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Session & WIC Meetings

5:55 p.m. Covered Dish Supper

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

6:30 p.m. WIC Meeting

NO other Wednesday night activities

Sunday, Dec. 21

No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Lessons & Carol Service, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 28

No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged

Wednesday, Dec. 31

No Midweek Activities

Sunday, Jan. 4

Sunday School Resumes; Worship Schedule Unchanged

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2025

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

- ❖ We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Josh Adair, Pastor of Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga.
- ❖ Session meeting on Wed Dec 17. The WIC meeting is the same night, 6:30 pm, with no other Wed night activities after the supper.
- ❖ Please see the FPFO activities calendar on p. 3 in the bulletin for the list of schedule changes and activities this month.
- ❖ For the winter term beginning in January, the adult Sunday School class will take up a thirteen-week study of *Science and Christianity*, taught by Tim Barnett.

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 during the offering in worship, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://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	Wednesday
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship	6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast	6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Singing Class
WAAK 94.7 FM	
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship (excluding First Sundays)	

Children are always welcome in worship, but nursery is also available for children 3 and under.
Nursery: Dec. 14: L. Bible & Sarah Wilson Dec. 21: L. Murphy & A. Wilson