

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | MAY 18, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 101.....“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....Westminster Larger Catechism No. 40

Q. Why was it required that the mediator should be God and man in one person?

A. *It was required that the mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should Himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.*

The Law of God.....Exodus 20:1-17

The Prayer of Confession

God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love, we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because you, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide within us until it has wrought in us your holy will. In Jesus’ name we pray.

The Silent Confession

Come, Thou Almighty King

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*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14*

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

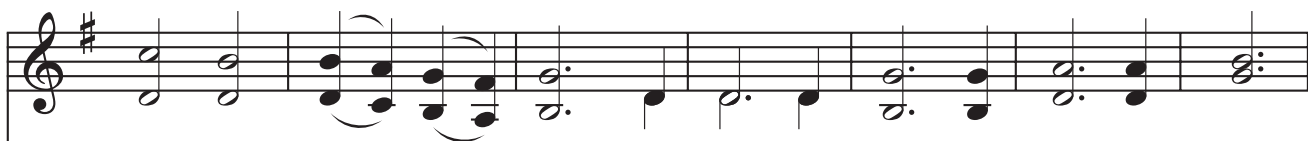
The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Peter 2:24

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 22....."All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him!"**



12. ²⁷ All ends of earth will turn to Him; The LORD they
13. ²⁹ All those who pros - per in the earth Will eat and
14. ³⁰ A seed will rise to do His will, And of the



will a - gain re - call. The na-tions' fam - 'lies all will come,
low be - fore Him bend; And in His pres-ence all will bow,
Lord be made a - ware. ³¹ The gen - er - a - tion that will come



To wor - ship and be - fore Him fall, ²⁸ Be - cause the
Who help - less to the dust de - scend, Who e - ven
Will then His righ - teous - ness de - clare To peo - ple



LORD the king-dom owns And rules a - bove all earth-ly thrones.
 though they vain-ly strive, Can nev - er keep their souls a - live.
 who are yet to be, That He has done this; it was He.

The Offering and Encouragement to GivePsalm 96:8–9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

The Old Testament ReadingExodus 5

The Great Prayer.....Ryan Biese

***The Hymn No. 197.....“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**

The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

“Peace” | Ephesians 2:14-16 | p. 917 | *The Riches of God in Christ* No. 17

Sermon Notes

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Wall Broken (v. 14)

1. Peace

2. Flesh

3. Dividing Wall

B. Ordinances Abolished (v. 15)

1. Separation
2. New Humanity
3. Peace

C. Hostility Killed (v. 16)

1. Reconciled Together
2. The Cross
3. Enmity Executed

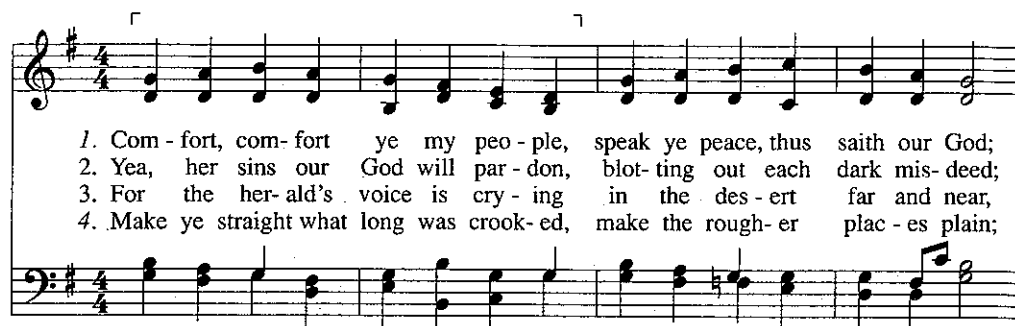
D. Application

III. Conclusion

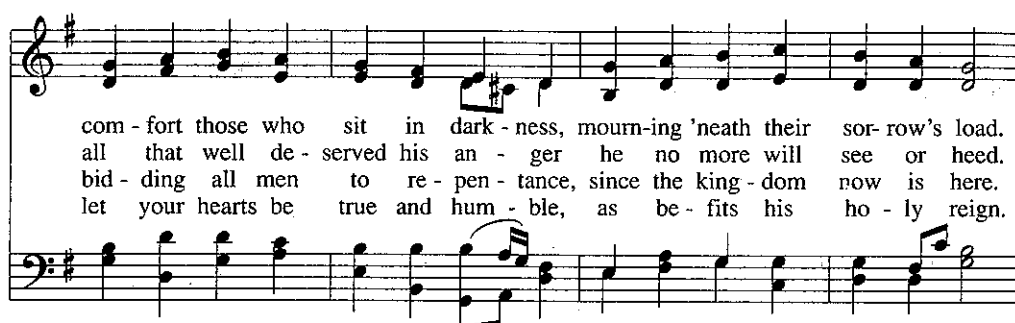
***The Psalm of Commitment No. 67.....“O God Show Mercy to Us” (pp. 6-7)**

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

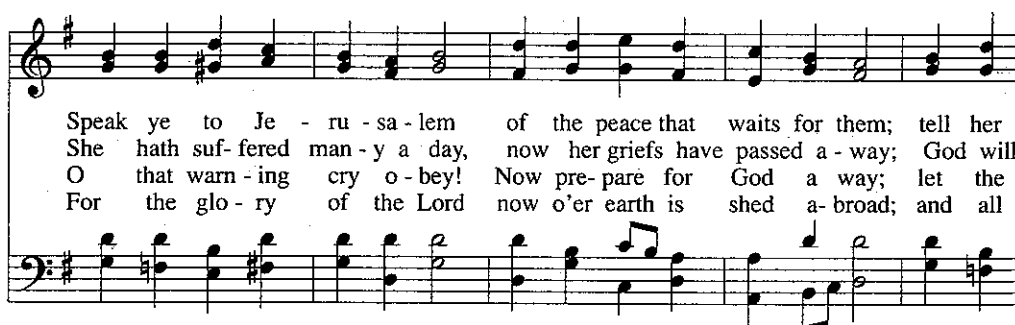
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2



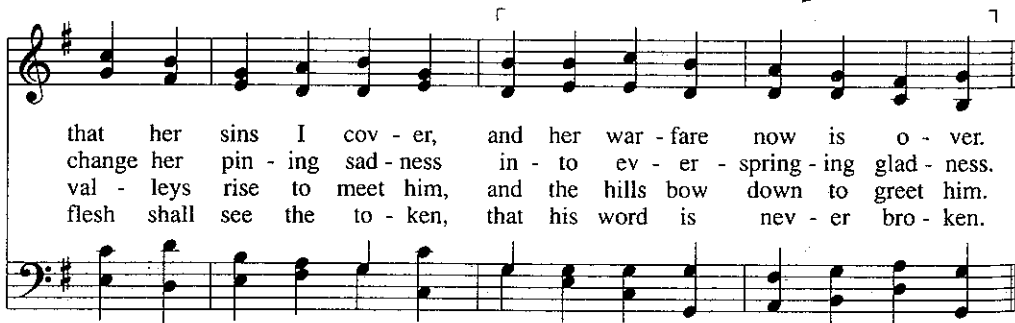
1. Com-fort, com-fort ye my peo-ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par-don, blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;
 3. For the her-ald's voice is cry-ing in the des-ert far and near;
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, make the rough-er plac-es plain;



com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, mourn-ing 'neath their sor-row's load.
 all that well de-served his an-ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid-ding all men to re-pen-tance, since the king-dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be-fits his ho-ly reign.



Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf-fered man-y a day, now her griefs have passed a-way; God will
 O that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo-ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a-broad; and all



that her sins I cov-er, and her war-fare now is o-ver.
 change her pin-ing sad-ness in-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.
 val-leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to-ken, that his word is nev-er bro-ken.

A Note About the Hymns

Paul continues to dwell upon the “sociological” work God has done in Christ in Ephesians 2:11-16. Under the Old Covenant, humanity was divided between the Hebrew versus the Gentile, but that ethnic division was merely foreshadowing what God would do in Christ. God has created a new humanity in Christ, the Israel of God versus the world.

The holiness of the Hebrew Commonwealth was designed simply to point forward to the Church, which includes people from every tribe and nation, every blood on the same basis: the blood of Christ. The Apostle celebrates that work in Ephesians 2:14-16 with the removal of the “dividing wall of hostility.”

We begin our worship singing praise to the Triune God whose praise will occupy our attention for all eternity thanks to the faithfulness of Christ.

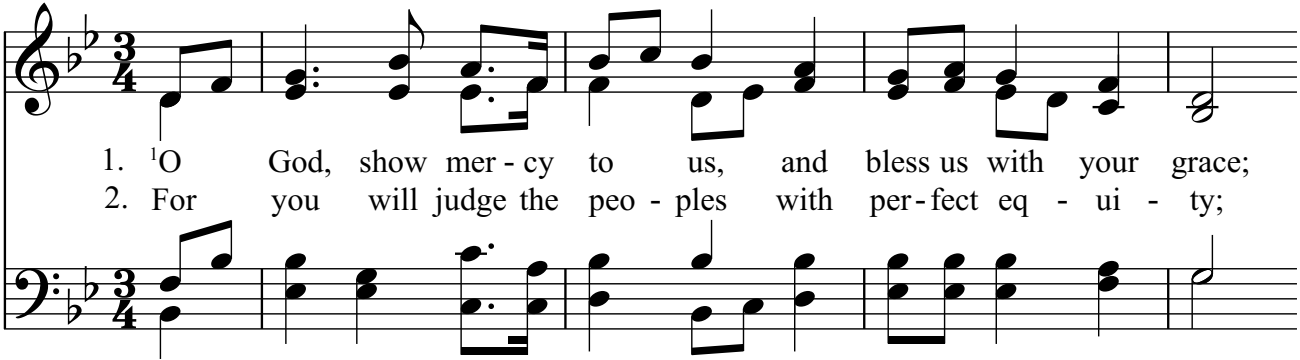
In response to the Assurance of Pardon we sing from Psalm 22, which looks forward to the day when all the ends of the earth will turn to God, which is the very thing we see happening now, since Christ has been lifted up He has drawn all people to Himself.

In preparation for the preaching, we sing a 17th Century Scripture Song based on Isaiah 40, which rejoices in the coming of the Messiah to the earth. The prophet looks forward to the day when the Glory of the Lord in His salvation shines not only in Galilee or in Jerusalem, but over all the earth.

We respond to the preaching of God’s word by singing Psalm 67, which again foretells the blessings of God’s saving grace extending through the whole earth and worship being offered to Him from all the peoples.

The Hebrew Scriptures clearly held forth the expectation God’s kingdom would include people from every nation. Jewish prejudice and hostility to the Gentiles caused them to ignore this great hope. But the Apostle in Ephesians 2 celebrates the fulfillment of God’s ancient purpose to unite all peoples under His Son, the Seed of the woman, the Offspring of Abraham, and the Son of David in whom all the peoples find blessings: our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 67B



1. 'O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your grace;
2. For you will judge the peo - ples with per - fect eq - ui - ty;



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
to na - tions of the whole earth a gov - er - nor you'll be.



²so that the whole world o - ver may tru - ly know your way,
⁵O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.



and so that your sal - va - tion all na - tions see dis - played.
⁶The earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest days



³O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.
 since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes, God will bless - ing send,



⁴Let na - tions come re - joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
 that all the earth may fear him to its re - mot - est end.

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 18, 2025

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

- ❖ Please answer God's call to worship this evening with us at 6:00 p.m. We will begin with our customary hymn sing at 5:50 p.m. So be ready with your requests!
- ❖ Please do not bring food or drinks into the auditorium. Snacks are provided for young children in the nursery as well as for all people before Sunday school.
- ❖ A nursing mothers room is provided for moms whose babies may need extra attention during worship. For parents whose little ones get a bit squirmy, the parlor is available as well. Audio of the worship service is provided in both rooms.
- ❖ The next Stated Session meeting is May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room. There will be no prayer meeting, bible study, or children's classes then.
- ❖ There will be no children's singing class on Wednesday night this week, May 21. Supper, prayer meeting, and bible study will continue as normal.

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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 by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://fpfo.org/give)

To submit prayer requests, 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

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)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Song Class

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

Nursery: May 18: R. Wilson & H. Rowan

May 25: Sarah Wilson & E. Murphy