

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Psalm of Praise No. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Nos. 165

Q. What is baptism?

A. *Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into Himself, of remission of sins by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.*

The Call to Confession John 4:23-24

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

The Confession of Sin

Most merciful God and Father, we cherish the blessed memory of the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that in His Supper you will so work in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, that with true confidence we might give ourselves up more and more unto Him. Empower us to no longer live in our sins, knowing that He lives in us, and we in Him. May we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace. May we not doubt that You will forever be our gracious Father, who does not impute the guilt of our sins to us, and who provides us with all that we need for body and soul, as your dear children and heirs. Grant us Your grace, that we may take up our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our sins, and in all tribulation look unto Christ who is faithful to nourish and cleanse us with His body and blood, who is true God and true man. In His holy name we pray,

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 34....."I Will At All Times Bless the LORD"



1. ¹ I will at all times bless the LORD; His
2. ³ Come, let us mag - ni - fy the LORD, And
3. ⁵ How ra - diant, those who looked to Him! Their

praise my mouth will al - ways voice. ² And in the LORD my
praise His name in u - ni - ty! ⁴ I sought the LORD, and
fac - es free from shame shall be. ⁶ The LORD heard when this

soul shall boast; The poor will hear it and re - jice.
in re - ply, From all my fears He res - cued me.
poor man cried, And from all trou - ble set him free.

4. ⁷ Encircling those who fear the LORD 5. Though righteous men great troubles see,
His angel camps, and rescues them. The LORD from all will set them free.
⁸ O taste and see the LORD is good; And all his bones He'll keep secure,
How blessed are those who trust in Him. No broken ones will he endure.
6. But evil slays all wicked men;
Those hating just men are condemned.
The LORD redeems those serving Him,
None trusting Him will He condemn.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Rachel Jane Rowan
 + The Covenant Promises and Institution
 + The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
 + The Sign of the Covenant
 + The Prayer of Consecration

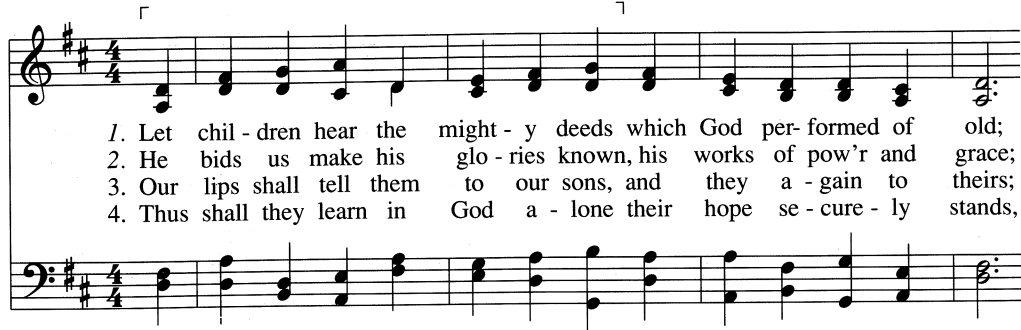
***The Baptismal Psalm No. 364 "Let Children Hear" (Psalm 78:1-7)**

The Encouragement to Give 2 Corinthians 9:6

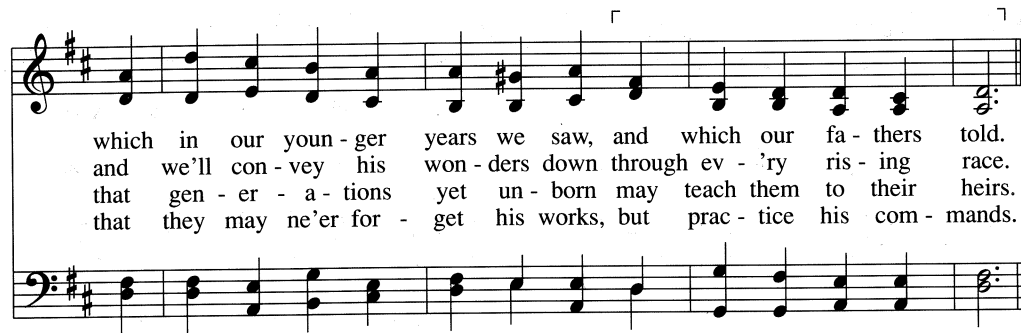
The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

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Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1


1. Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;
 2. He bids us make his glo - ries known, his works of pow'r and grace;
 3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;
 4. Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,



which in our youn - ger years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.
 and we'll con - vey his won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 that gen - er - a - tions yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
 that they may ne'er for - get his works, but prac - tice his com - mands.

The Offertory

The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers

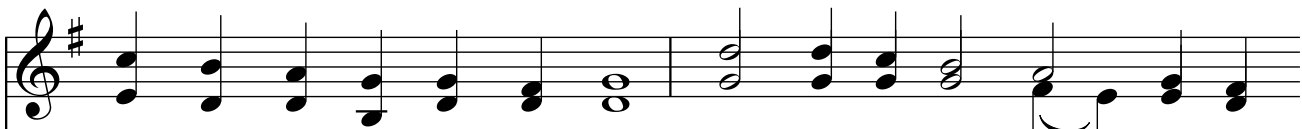
*The Psalm No. 118....."O Thank the LORD for All His Goodness"



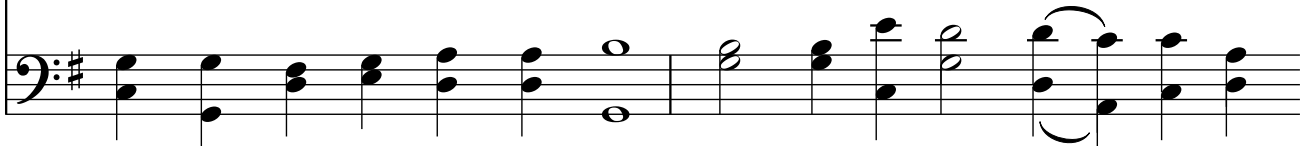
1. ¹O thank the LORD for all his good - ness: his love en - dures for -
2. ⁵I sought the LORD in my af - flic - tion; he an - swered me and
3. ⁸Far bet - ter is the LORD for ref - uge— bet - ter than put - ting
4. ¹²Tho' na - tions swarmed like bees a - round me, quick - ly, like thorns a -



ev - er - more! ²Let Is - r'el say in joy - ful cho - rus: "His
set me free. ⁶The LORD is on my side; I fear not— what
trust in men. ⁹Far bet - ter is the LORD for ref - uge— bet -
flame, they died. For in the LORD's name I de - stroyed them; ¹³when



love en - dures for - ev - er - more!" ³O house of Aa - ron, join your
harm can man do un - to me? ⁷The LORD is on my side to
ter than trust - ing in a prince. ¹⁰On ev - 'ry side the na - tions
I was crushed the LORD gave aid. ¹⁴He has be - come my great sal -



voic - es: “His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!” ⁴Let all who help me; the LORD, my help - er, will a - vail. I look up - hound - ed, but in God's name I cut them off. ¹¹On ev - 'ry va - tion, my strength, my song; the LORD we bless. ¹⁵Glad songs of

fear the LORD de - clare it: “His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!” on my foes in tri - umph; those hat - ing me will not pre - vail. side I was sur - round - ed, but in the LORD I cut them off. vic - t'ry and sal - va - tion dwell in the tents of righ - teous - ness.

- 5. “The right hand of the LORD is mighty!
¹⁶The LORD’s right hand is lifted high!
 The right hand of the LORD is mighty!
 His valiant arm is strong to fight!”
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and praise him;
 his wondrous deeds I will profess.
- ¹⁸Though God has chastened me severely,
 he has not giv’n me up to death.
- 7. ²²The stone the builders had rejected
 now has become the cornerstone.
²³How marvelous to us this wonder;
 this is the work of God alone!
- ²⁴This is the day, the LORD has made it!
 Be glad in it, rejoice, and bless.
- ²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! Hosanna!
 O LORD, we pray, give us success.

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“The Way to God” | John 14:1-6 | p. 847 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 81

SERMON NOTES

A. Comfort & Confusion (vv. 1-5)

1. Troubled People (v. 1)

2. Comfort for the Faithful (vv. 2-3)

3. They Know the Way (v. 4)

4. Thomas Protests (v. 5)

5. **Application: *Jesus speaks better of believers than they speak of themselves!***

B. Confirmation and Clarity (v. 6)

1. The "I AM" Statements

a. What is Jesus doing in these *I AM* statements?

b. **Application: *Strive for blamelessness.***

2. Jesus is the Way

3. Jesus is the Truth

4. Jesus is the Life

C. Restricted Access (v. 6)

Thou Art the Way

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I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Chords: F, F, C7, Dm, C, F, C7, F, C

1. Thou art the Way: to thee a-lone from sin and death we flee;
2. Thou art the Truth: thy Word a-lone true wis-dom can im-part;
3. Thou art the Life: the rend-ing tomb pro-claims thy con-quer-ing arm,
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that Way to know,

Chords: C7, F, Bb, F, F, Gm, F, C7, F

and he who would the Fa-ther seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.
thou on-ly canst in-form the mind, and pu-ri-fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
that Truth to keep, that Life to win, whose joys e-ter-nal flow.

George W. Doane, 1824

ARLINGTON C.M.
Thomas A. Arne, 1762
Arr. by Ralph Harrison, 1784

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 154 "Thou Art the Way"

~ 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.*

Save the Date!

First Presbyterian Church

40th Anniversary Thanksgiving & Celebration

The Lord's Day, October 1, 2023

Worship 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, preaching

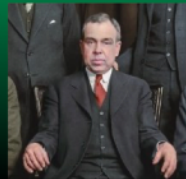
5:15 p.m. Reception



Modernism or *Christianity?*

Fall Sunday School Starting Sept. 3
Combined Youth & Adults Class

Examining Machen's Christianity & Liberalism a century after its publication reveals the roots of the current post-modern societal dysfunction and vindicates the timeless and transcendent truths of Christianity as well as the urgent need of Christ, His gospel, and His Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

- + Evening worship continues tonight at 6:00 p.m.; come and answer God's call to worship Him at the close of the Lord's Day.
- + 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.
- + There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for people willing to bring food for the 40th Anniversary Reception on October 1 following evening worship. There will be no "First Sunday Lunch" in October.
- + The ladies of Cornerstone OPC have invited the ladies of FPFO to a tea on October 7 at 11:00 a.m. For more information, please see the invitation posted on the WIC bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- + Due to the activities later in the day in conjunction the 40th Anniversary, there will be no Sunday school on October 1 in order to lighten the load of that day especially on the young families.
- + The Session will meet for a regular stated meeting at 7:20 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School room on October 4, 2023.

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](https://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 Sept. 24: S. Keller & C. Rowan

Nursery Oct 1: M.L. Wilson & L. Bible