

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JUNE 11, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

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## 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. 135 ..... "O Praise the LORD!" (pages 6-7)

\*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith ..... The Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 35

Q. What is Sanctification?

A. *Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.*

The Call to Confession.....Exodus 20:1-11

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "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. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

## The Confession of Sin

*Holy and Righteous Father, we acknowledge again that we are poor, miserable sinners, who are undeserving of Your grace and favor. We confess that we have each done what is right in our own eyes. We have continually forsaken Your law and become a law unto ourselves. Forgive us for our participation in the evil ways of this world. Forgive us for our tolerance of evil, our cowardice, our refusal to stand for You and with You. Wash us clean we pray, in the shed blood of Christ our Savior, and grant to us new strength for holy living. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

## The Assurance of Pardon.....Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

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

## \*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 145 ..."I Will Exalt You, O My God and King"

1. <sup>1</sup>I will ex - alt you, O my God and king; I will for - ev - er  
2. <sup>4</sup>Each gen - er - a - tion will re - count your deeds; won - ders and might - y  
3. <sup>7</sup>Men will pour forth your good - ness and its fame; praise for your glo - ries  
4. <sup>9</sup>Good is the LORD to all cre - a - ted things; mer - cy he shows to

bless your ho - ly name. <sup>2</sup>I will ex - tol you, LORD, for - ev - er - more.  
acts will they pro - claim. <sup>5</sup>Won - drous your works, your maj - es - ty, O LORD.  
they with joy ex - press; bound - less and great, your good - ness is ex - tolled.  
all that he has made. <sup>10</sup>All of your works give thanks to you, O LORD.

Day af - ter day, I will your praise com - mend. <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and I will with awe up - on them med - i - tate. <sup>6</sup>Men shall de - clare your They sing a - loud of your great righ - teous - ness. <sup>8</sup>Mer - ci - ful, kind, and Saints all u - nite to bless your ho - ly name. <sup>11</sup>They will de - clare your

great - ly to be praised. His great - ness none can ev - er com - pre - hend. might - y, awe - some deeds, and I your great - ness glad - ly cel - e - brate. gra - cious is the LORD, and slow to an - ger, rich in stead - fast love. king - dom and your might, and praise the glo - ry of your vast do - main.

**The Encouragement to Give .....2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 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 Offertory**

**The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis**

**\*The Hymn No. 257.....“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

**The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese**

“The Hour Is Come” | John 12:20-26 | Page 845 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 69

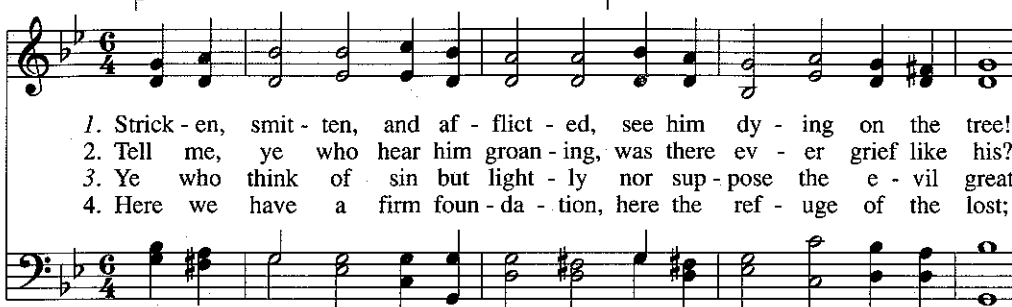
**SERMON NOTES**

**A. The World (v. 22)**

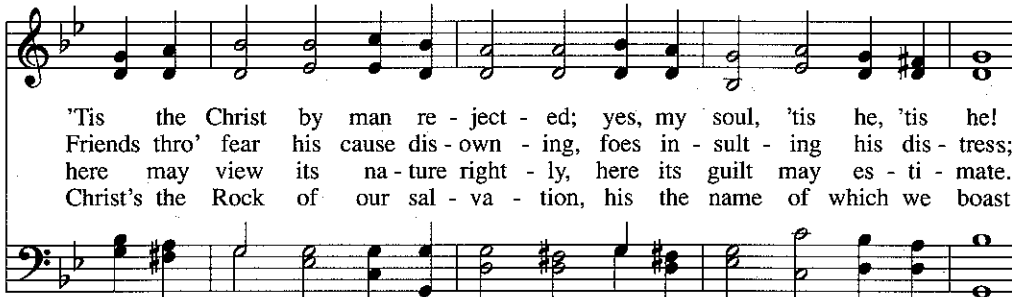
**1. The World:** What are different ways in which the Bible uses *world*?

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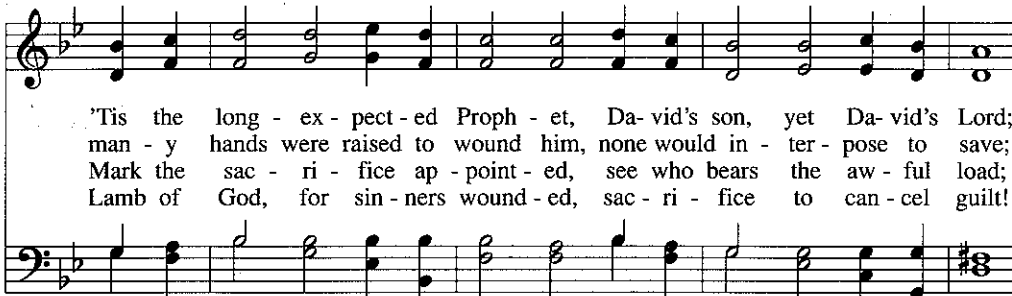
## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*We considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. Is. 53:4*


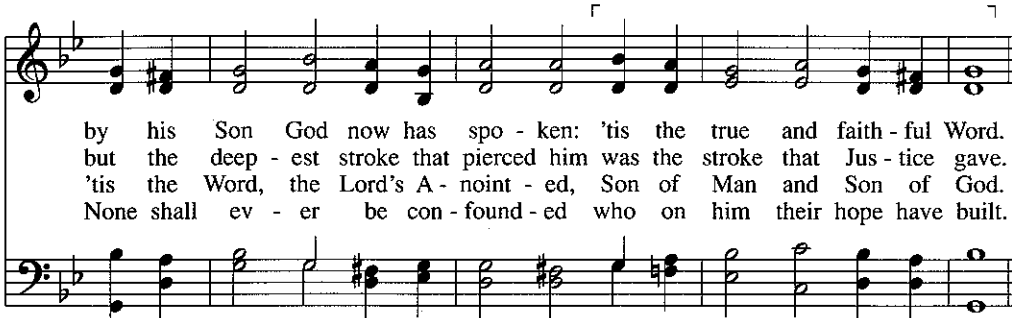
1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?  
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great  
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;  
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.  
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;  
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;  
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

2. Coming to Jesus: In what sense does *the world* come to Jesus?

## B. The Hour (vv. 23-24)

### 1. Trigger (v. 23 a)

- a. How has John encouraged us to anticipate the coming of the *hour*?
- b. Why is it unlikely Jesus, unlike John's narrative, ignored these Greeks?
- c. What role does the rejection of Israel have in God's redemptive plan?
- d. To what does the *hour* refer?

### 2. The Glory of the Son of Man (v. 23b)

- a. Why is the Greeks will not truly see Jesus until the *hour* has passed?
- b. How is John alluding to the Song of the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 52-53)?

### 3. Focus on Death (v. 24a)

- a. How does the glory of which the Son speaks differ from the glory the crowds and disciples anticipate?
- b. How is Jesus laying the groundwork of comfort for His disciples?
- c. How is the Saviour's glory linked to His refusal to seek His own glory?

### 4. Fruitfulness (v. 24b): How does the Saviour illustrate the power and meaning of His own death?

- a. **Application: *Life is drawn from Christ alone.***
- b. **Application: *Christ's death is crucial to our own life and vitality.***

## C. The Life (v. 25-26a)

### 1. Contrast

- a. In what way does the Saviour's parable apply to His disciples? In what way does it not?
- b. Relative contrast in absolute terms...

2. Destroys Life
  - a. How does loving life actually destroy it?
  - b. How does love of this life manifest a rejection of God's sovereignty?
3. Keeps Alive
  - a. What is meant by *hate* here?
  - b. What spiritual diagnostic tool is the Saviour giving us here?
4. Double Contrast
  - a. What characterizes this life from eternity?
  - b. **Application: *What appears is not necessarily what is.***
5. Following
  - a. Discipleship entails obedience to and suffering for Christ.
  - b. **Application: *Christ is Lord of His people.***

#### **D. The Glory (v. 26b)**

1. Difficulty
2. Certainty

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 689 ..... "Be Still, My Soul"

~ 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.*

## Be Still, My Soul

*Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Jas. 5:7.*

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,  
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your  
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your  
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he  
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious  
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your  
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still  
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

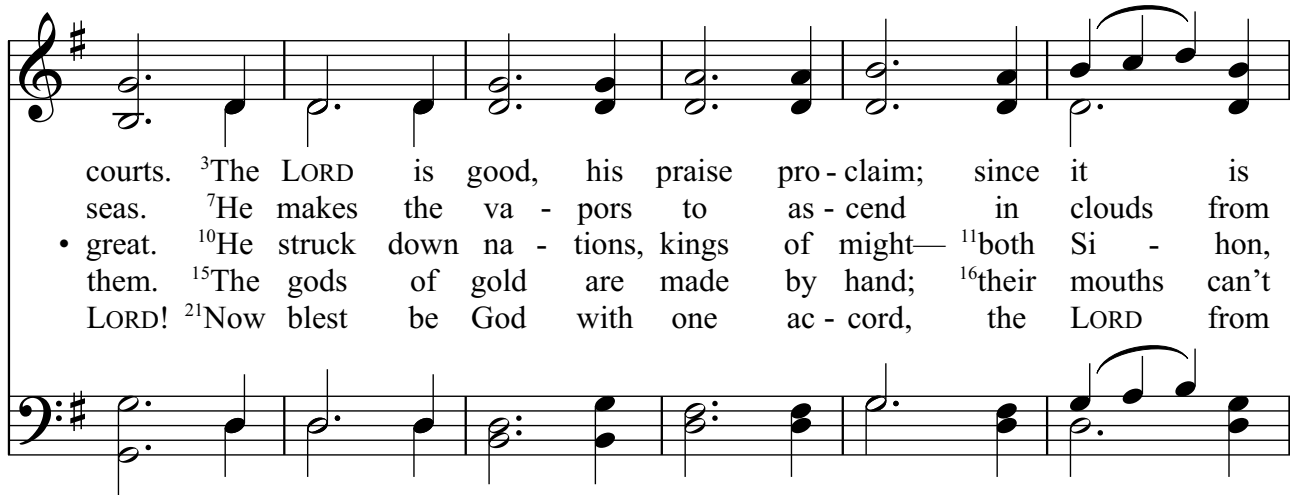
# Psalm 135

1. <sup>1</sup>O praise the LORD! His praise pro - claim! All you his  
 2. <sup>5</sup>I know the LORD is high in state; a - bove all  
 3. <sup>8</sup>He struck down E - gypt's first - born sons, both man and  
 4. <sup>13</sup>Your name, O LORD, for - e'er en - dures; through ev - 'ry  
 5. <sup>19</sup>O house of Is - r'el, bless the LORD! O house of

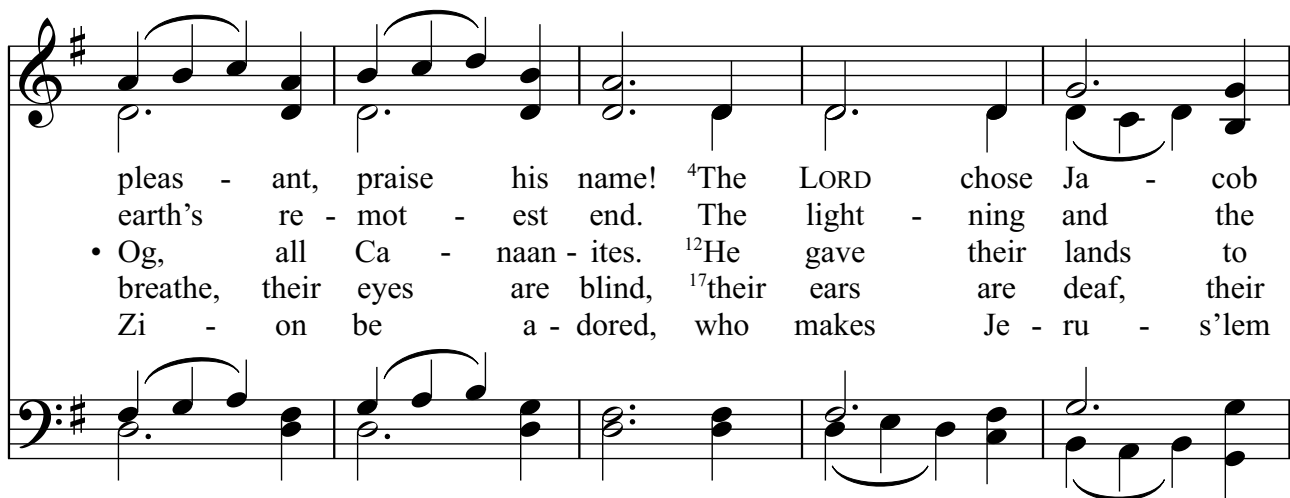
ser - vants, praise his name, <sup>2</sup>who stand with - in the  
 gods our God is great. <sup>6</sup>The LORD per - forms what  
 • beast, their choic - est ones. <sup>9</sup>On E - gypt, 'gainst the  
 age your fame is sure. <sup>14</sup>The LORD his peo - ple  
 Aa - ron, bless the LORD! <sup>20</sup>O house of Le - vi,

house of the LORD and hum - bly serve with - in his  
 he de - crees in heav'n and earth, in depths and  
 • Phar - aoh's might, the LORD sent signs and won - ders  
 will de - fend, and great com - pas - sion shows to  
 bless the LORD! All you who fear him, bless the

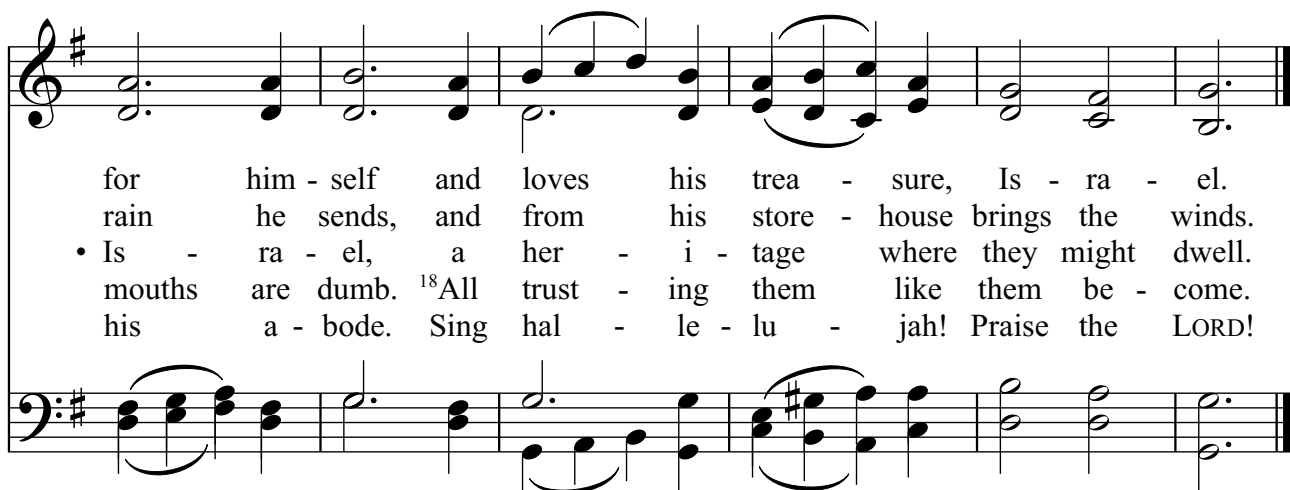




courts. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is good, his praise pro - claim; since it is seas. <sup>7</sup>He makes the va - vors to as - cend in clouds from great. <sup>10</sup>He struck down na - tions, kings of might— <sup>11</sup>both Si - hon, them. <sup>15</sup>The gods of gold are made by hand; <sup>16</sup>their mouths can't LORD! <sup>21</sup>Now blest be God with one ac - cord, the LORD from



pleas - ant, praise his name! <sup>4</sup>The LORD chose Ja - cob earth's re - mot - est end. The light - ning and the Og, all Ca - naan - ites. <sup>12</sup>He gave their lands to breathe, their eyes are blind, <sup>17</sup>their ears are deaf, their Zi - on be a - dored, who makes Je - ru - s'lem



for him - self and loves his trea - sure, Is - ra - el. rain he sends, and from his store - house brings the winds. Is - ra - el, a her - i - tage where they might dwell. mouths are dumb. <sup>18</sup>All trust - ing them like them be - come. his a - bode. Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE II, 2023

- + The Service & Adventure Week for Youth & Young Adults will be July 12-15. Additional information will be distributed electronically.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next Lord's Day.
- + This year for Operation Christmas Child, we are focusing on filling boxes for 10-14-year-old boys, a frequently under-served age group. For June, please consider bringing items such as soccer balls (deflated) and pumps, Nerf balls, fishing lines, weights, and/or hooks, as well as playing cards.
- + The June "Youth & Young Adult Friday Fellowship" will be 6:00 p.m. on June 30 at the Rowan home: 1737 Kensington Road, Chickamauga.
- + The PCA General Assembly meets in Memphis June 12-16. Please be in prayer for the work of the Assembly that unity, love, truth, faithfulness and clarity will prevail. Ryan Biese and Wil Davis will be attending from our congregation.

## 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).

## Morning Fellowship Cafe:

Lord's Days | 9:20-9:40

All are invited to a time of socializing and conversation each Lord's Day morning over coffee and light snacks from starting at 9:20 a.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are willing to serve on a rotation to help with snacks and clean-up, please talk with Shay Henshall.

## 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 June 11: B. Rowan & C. Rowan

June 18: H. Rowan & M. Tuggle