

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | JULY 12, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship..... Revelation 4:8b & 11**

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”

***The Hymn of Praise No. 105 “O God, We Praise Thee”**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith.....Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A 29 & 30**

Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

The Call to Confession of Sin.....Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that despite Your abundant grace, we so often return to our old ways. We admit that we continue to tolerate sins in our lives, acting as though our past has no hold on us and as if Your grace gives us permission to compromise. Lord, forgive us for forgetting the spiritual reality of our union with Christ. Although our old self was crucified with Christ and You have raised us to new life in Him, we still sin against You.

Forgive our pride, our selfishness, and our failure to live as people who have been raised to new life with Christ. Transform our hearts and empower us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in the true newness of life. In Jesus name, Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” (pg. 3)**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give Luke 12:15

And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

The Old Testament Reading..... Leviticus 24:1-23

The Great Prayer RE Wil Davis

***The Hymn of Preparation “Wholehearted Thanksgiving” (pg. 4-5)**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon..... Rev. Jim Richter

“New Creations: Dead to Sin & Alive to God in Christ” | Romans 6:1-14 | Pg. 886

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***Hymn of Response No. 456 “By Grace I’m Saved”**

***The Benediction**

***The Response No. 735..... “The Gloria Patri”**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;
 4. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
 5. I will rise and go to Je - sus! He will save me from my sin.

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 • all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.
 if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
 By the rich - es of his mer - it, there is joy and life in him.

Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

ARISE 8.7.8.7.
 W. Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Psalm 9B



1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,
 2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;
 3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell
 4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,

in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;
 all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;
 of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,
 and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,

in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,
 for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake
 of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,
 that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise

thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.
 the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.
 who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.
 my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to Je-ho-vah, de-clare ye his fame,

and give him all hon-or, for just is his name.

Partial
Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt., mod.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11. ref.
William H. Doan, 1875

Sermon Outline for Romans 6:1-14
New Creations: Dead to Sin & Alive to God in Christ
Romans 6:1-14

In some sense Romans 6:1-14 is a transitional section in the divinely inspired unfolding logic of the book. It explains to us what has happened to transfer and transform us from being “in Adam” to being “in Christ”, from being under the reign of sin and death to being in the state of grace reigning to eternal life, as a result of Christ’s obedient righteousness (cf. 5:18 & 19). Paul’s short explanation for this transformation is that we have been united to Christ in His death to sin and in His resurrected life, so we can live new lives for God. This understanding is tremendously important for our lives today.

1. Paul wants us to **know** what has happened in our union with Christ in His death and resurrection to free us from enslavement to sin so that we might live new lives for God. (Verses 1-10)

Paul wants us to **know** that our having been united to Christ’s death and resurrection by the work of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13), symbolized by baptism, means that we have died to sin and have been enabled to walk in newness of life, to no longer live in sin. (vs. 1-4)

Paul wants us to **know** **1)** that our old self (the person we were in Adam) was crucified with Christ, in order that **2)** the body of sin (the old fallen rebellious sin nature that reigned over our body) would be dethroned and disabled, so that **3)** we would no longer be enslaved to sin. (vs. 5-7)

Paul wants us to **know** that just as Christ’s death and resurrection freed Him from the dominion of sin and death to live to God, just so in union with Christ we too have been freed to live to God. (vs. 8-10)

2. Paul wants to **consider** this reality as a focus of our minds (Cf Col. 3:1-3). (V. 11)
3. Paul exhorts us not to let sin reign in our lives in the ways we use our bodies, but instead to **present** ourselves to God in the realization and exercise of our power to live new lives reigning under grace, freed from the dominion of sin and the threat of the condemnation of the law. (vs. 12-14)

Are we living setting our minds on these realities, and resisting the power of sin by the power of God in our resurrection union with Christ?

The eye of Divine Providence
From Letters of John Newton

Matthew 10:29-30, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

Let us learn to see and acknowledge *God's hand* in all we have, and in all we meet with. Such a deep and abiding persuasion of the Most High God, ordering and over-ruling all our concerns, would, like the light, diffuse a luster and a beauty upon everything around us! To consider every comfort of life, as an effect and proof of God's mercy towards us, would, like the *fabled magic stone*--turn all our possessions to gold, and stamp a value upon things which a common eye might judge as insignificant.

The eye of Divine Providence is upon every flitting *sparrow* of the field. We cannot properly term any circumstance of our lives as small, since such things as seem most *trifling* in themselves, often give birth to things which become most important.

On the other hand--to be able to discover the wisdom and goodness of our heavenly Father, through the darkest cloud of *troubles* and *afflictions*; to see all our *trials* as appointed to us--in number, weight, and measure; nothing befalling us by *chance*; nothing without a needs-be; nothing without a divinely designed advantage--what a support must this be to the soul!

Take away this truth of Divine Providence--and man is the most forlorn, helpless and miserable object in the world! He would be pining for everything he has *not*--and trembling for everything he *has*! He would be equally suffering under the pressure of what *does* happen--and the fear of what *may* happen! He would be liable to thousands of unsuspected dangers--yet unable to guard against those which are most obvious!

Let us learn the secret of being content in any and every situation: "Our heavenly Father knows what we have need of, before we ask Him!" "The earth is His, and the fullness thereof;" and His *goodness* is equal to His *power*.

In Jesus, He has already given us more than ten thousand worlds!

Are you poor? Be satisfied with the Lord's appointment. It would be as easy to Him to give you a large estate--as to supply you with the bread you eat, or to continue the breath in your nostrils. He knows that *poverty* is best for you; and that *prosperity* would prove to be your ruin! Therefore He has appointed you the *honor* of being in this respect, conformable to your Savior, who, when on earth, "had nowhere to lay His head!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 12, 2026

Announcements due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to secretary@firstpresfo.org.

- ❖ The July stated **Session meeting** will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:20 pm.
- ❖ **Pictures** for a new church directory will be taken in July. Please see Andrew Keller after a morning service this month to snap a quick photo.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection for July is 8-pack Crayola Crayons (because they don't melt) and small composition books.

Please note the new email address for church office for communications is: secretary@firstpresfo.org. The Session may be contacted via session@firstpresfo.org, and the Clerk of Session via clerk@firstpresfo.org.

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, contact the church secretary: secretary@firstpresfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received during the offering in worship, mailing a check to the church office, or online: 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

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)

Wednesday

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

Nursery: **July 12:** J. Porter & A. Wilson **July 19:** Sarah Wilson & A. Pinyerd