

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | May 18, 2024 | 6 o'clock

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THE SESSION

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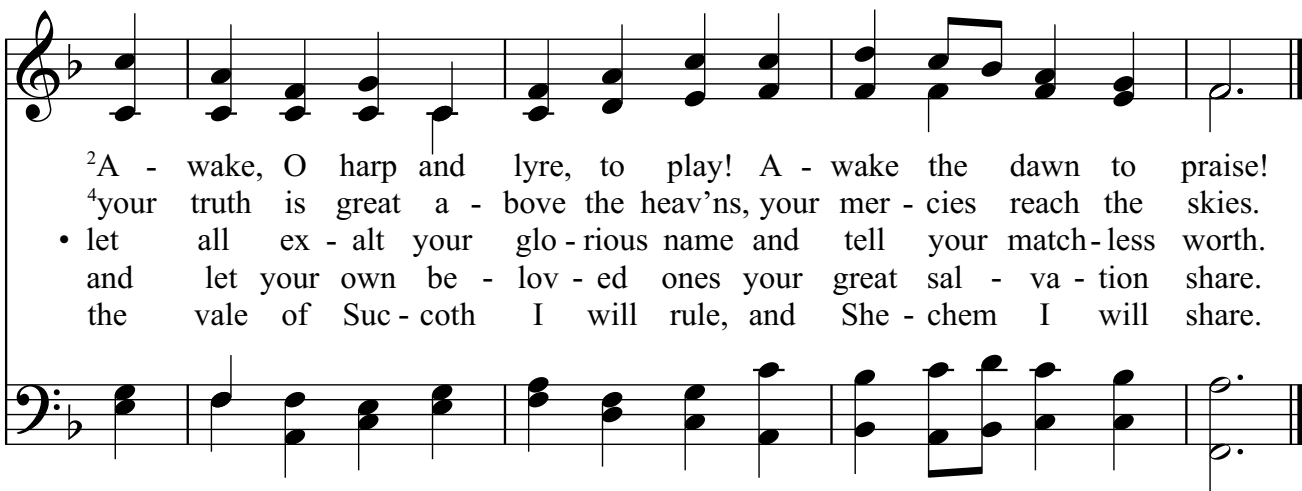
THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. 108.....“My Heart Is Steadfast, God!”



1. ¹My heart is stead - fast, God! My soul its song will raise!
2. ³A - mong the na - tions, LORD, to you my thanks shall rise;
3. ⁵A - bove the heav'ns, O God, and o - ver all the earth,
4. ⁶Stretch forth your might - y hand in an - swer to our prayer,
5. ⁷The ho - ly God has said, “My tri - umph I de - clare:



²A - wake, O harp and lyre, to play! A - wake the dawn to praise!
⁴your truth is great a - bove the heav'ns, your mer - cies reach the skies.
• let all ex - alt your glo - rious name and tell your match - less worth.
and let your own be - lov - ed ones your great sal - va - tion share.
the vale of Suc - coth I will rule, and She - chem I will share.

6. ⁸“I claim as my domain
Manasseh, Gilead.
My scepter rests in Judah’s hand,
and Ephr’im shields my head.

8. ¹⁰O, who will lead me forth
and Edom’s stronghold show?
¹¹Have you not cast us off, O God,
nor with our armies go?

7. ⁹“In Moab I will wash;
on Edom, throw my shoe;
Philistia is my victor’s song,
with triumph I subdue.”

9. ¹²The work of man is vain,
so help us in our woes!
¹³With God we shall do valiantly
for he will crush our foes.

*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*THE LAW OF GODGalatians 5:16–21

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit
are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from
doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not
under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality,
impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger,
rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like
these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will
not inherit the kingdom of God.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, Who gathers Your children to Yourself, we confess that we have not walked in love, as You have loved us by giving Your Son. Instead, we find ourselves walking down the paths that You have told us not to walk; and we find ourselves drawn to the very things from which we were saved.

We acknowledge that our hearts have entertained lust, uncleanness, and all manner of covetousness. Our lips have uttered that which is filthy, foolish and coarse, and we have not lived before You with hearts of thanksgiving.

In Your great mercy, forgive us for the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives that where we have sinned against Your word, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON1 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.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 141“So Shall the Sons of Man” (p. 3-4)

5. ¹²So shall the sons of man be taught your deeds, that they may know the
6. ¹⁴All those who fall, the LORD will them up - hold, raise up the bur - dened
7. ¹⁷Kind is the LORD in all his won - drous works, righ - teous and true is
8. ²⁰All those who love the LORD he will pre - serve, but all the wick - ed

splen - dor of your reign. ¹³Through ev - 'ry age shall your do - min - ion stand;
 ones bowed down in grief. ¹⁵All look to you with long - ing eyes that wait,
 he in all his ways. ¹⁸Near is the LORD to all who on him call—
 he will sure - ly slay. ²¹Praise to the LORD my mouth will ut - ter forth.

your ev - er - last - ing king - dom will re - main. Kind is the LORD in
 food in due sea - son you will kind - ly give. ¹⁶You o - pen wide your
 all those who call on him in truth for aid. ¹⁹All those who fear him,
 Praise to the LORD will I with joy pro - claim. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture

all his might - y works, and faith - ful ev - 'ry word which he pro - claims.
 hand to all that breathe, and sat - is - fy the wants of all who live.
 he will fill their wants; he hears their plead - ing cry and he will save.
 rise up to a - dore and bless his ho - ly name for - ev - er - more.

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Nehemiah 2:8-20 (p. 370)

THE SERMON“Plans”

I. **Introduction**

II. **Main Argument**

A. Arrival (vv. 9-10)

1. Escort (v. 9)

2. Family (v. 10)

B. Survey (vv. 11-16)

1. By Night (vv. 11-12, 16)

2. Rubble (vv. 14-15)

C. Council (vv. 17-20)

1. Shame (v. 17)

2. Providence (v. 18)

3. Critics (vv. 19-20)

III.Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 444 ...“O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah All Ye Nations (p. 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

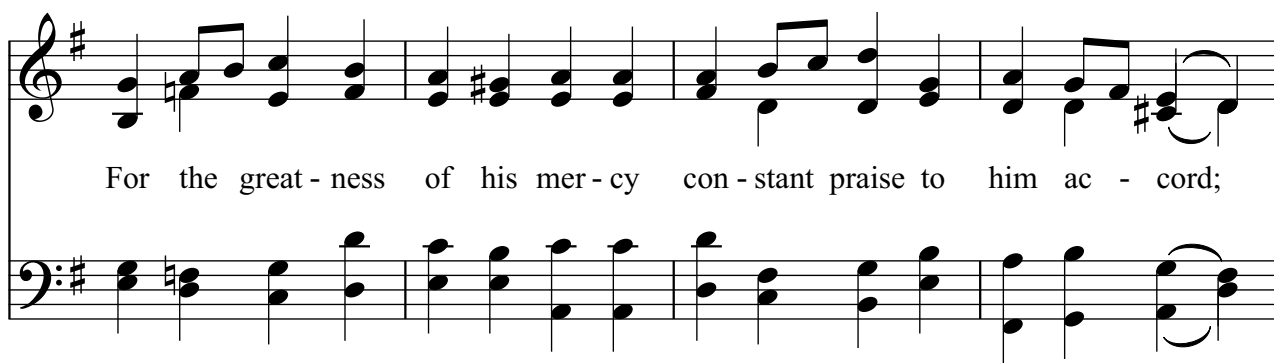
*THE RESPONSE NO. 733“The Doxology”



¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;



²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.



For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;



ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!