

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 455“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithThe Heidelberg Catechism No. 73

Q. Why does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

A. *God has good reason for these words. To begin with, he wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body. But more importantly, he wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically.*

The Call to Confession of Sin.....Mark 7:20-23

The Prayer of Confession

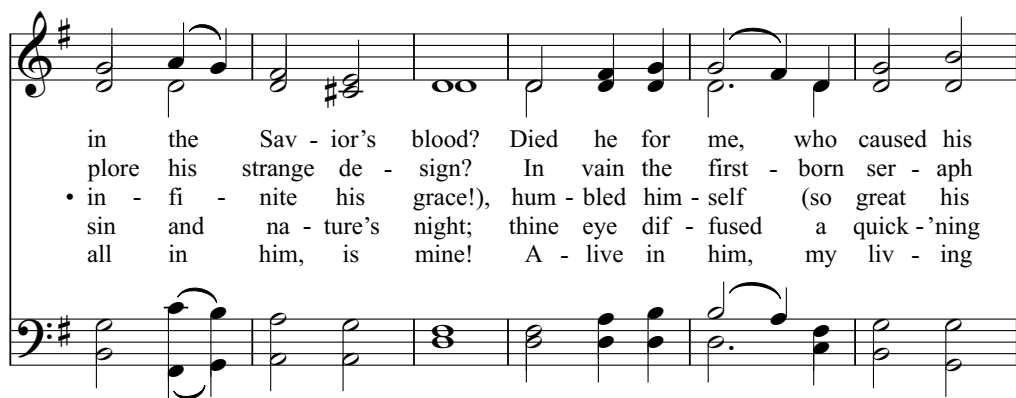
O Lord God, who reigns on high ruling and defending the church, have mercy on us for our many sins against Your holy Law. We confess that we have neglected the weightier matters of the Law as we have followed our own desires, invented traditions, and self-interest. Though You deserve pure worship, our hearts are often cold and indifferent to the beauty of holiness. Though our neighbors bear Your image, our hearts have been slow to move in response to the needs of even our closest family members and friends. Pardon us of our defiling hypocrisy and self-centeredness, and grant that we would grow in grace and godliness as the Spirit teaches us how best to seek for the good of all, and especially those of the household of faith. In the Name of Christ our Lord, we pray.

The Silent Confession

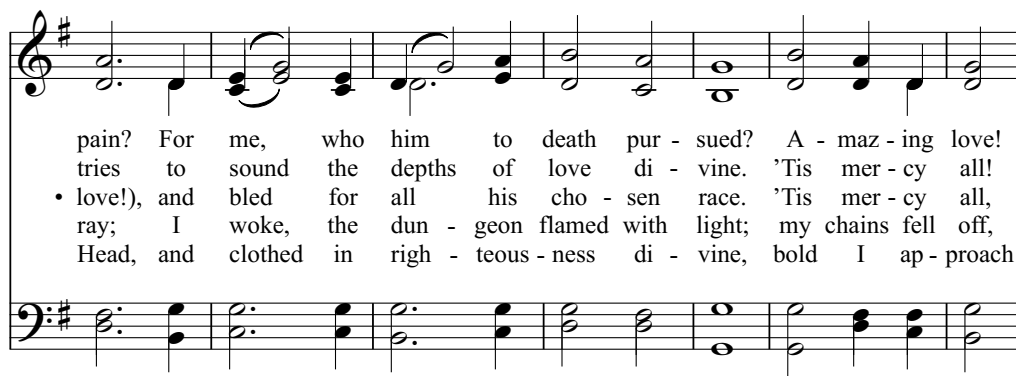
And Can It Be That I Should Gain



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain

die for me?
 quire no more.
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt. 1990

SAGINA L.M.D.
 Thomas Campbell, 1825

The Assurance of PardonColossians 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

*The Psalm No. 18“I Love You, LORD” (pp. 2-3)

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, corresponding to the four parts of the setting. The first line of the score includes a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The second line of the score includes a bass clef, a key signature of three flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The third line of the score includes a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The fourth line of the score includes a bass clef, a key signature of three flats, and a 3/4 time signature.

1. I love you, LORD, my strength, my rock. He is my
2. I call to God the LORD on high; wor - thy is
3. Grim cords of death en - com - passed me; waves of de -
4. In my dis - tress I sought the LORD; I cried for

fort, my sav - ing pow'r; God is my shield, my shel - t'ring
he of all my praise. He hears my cry and sets me
struc - tion fright - ened me. Cords of the grave sur - round - ed
help to God who hears. He from his tem - ple heard my

rock, my horn of safe - ty, might - y tow'r.
 free from all my foes; in might he saves.
 me, ter - rors of death con - front - ed me.
 voice; he let my plead - ing reach his ears.

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The Old Testament ReadingExodus 26

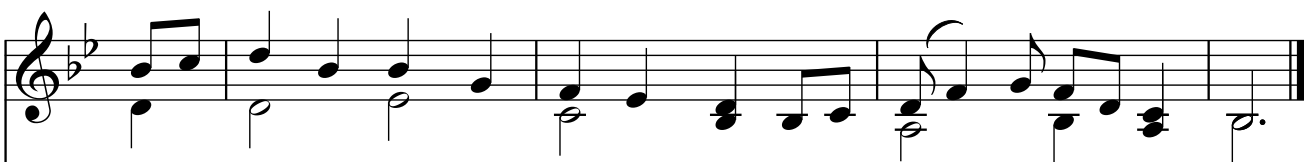
The Great Prayer

***The Psalm No. 128“How Blest Are All Who Fear the LORD” (p. 4)**

Unison



1. ¹How blest are all who fear the LORD, and walk with - in his ways.
2. ³Your wife with - in your house will be a vine whose fruits a - bound;
3. ⁴Be - hold, thus shall the man be blest who tru - ly fears the LORD.
4. O may you see, through - out your days, Je - ru - s'lem pros - per well.



- ²You'll eat your la - bor's fruit with joy and pros - per all your days.
your chil - dren will as ol - ive plants your ta - ble gath - er 'round.
- ⁵The LORD from Zi - on give to you his bless - ing and re - ward.
- ⁶May you your chil - dren's chil - dren see. Peace be on Is - ra - el!



~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon The Reverend Ryan Biese

"Husbands, Love" | Ephesians 5:25-33 | Pg. 919 | *The Epistle to the Ephesians* No. 40

SERMON NOTES

A. Purity (vv. 25-27)

1. Love Your Wife Sacrificially (v. 25)

2. Source of Purity (v. 26)

3. Purpose of Purity (v. 27)

B. Priority (vv. 28-30)

1. Self-Love (v. 28)
2. Demonstrated (v. 29)
3. Cherished (vv. 29-30)

C. Pair (vv. 31-33)

1. Duty (v. 31)
2. Mystery (v. 32)
3. Recapitulation (v. 33)

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Commitment No. 520.....“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”**

***The Benediction**

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

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

520

Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
Rom. 3:24

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less
5. O - let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
• man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be
mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -
ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
• all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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

- ❖ There is a joint officer meeting on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the church for the purpose of conferring on the 2026 Congregational Budget.
- ❖ Please come help us pack Operation Christmas Child Boxes on Saturday, November 15th here at Church at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for November 16 to follow morning worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between TE Ryan Biese and First Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ Session has created a committee to produce a pictorial directory. If interested in serving on the committee, please contact RE Nathan Bowers.

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 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

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 Singing Class

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

Nursery: Nov. 9: J. Porter & E. Wilson

Nov. 16: L. Bible & Sarah Wilson