# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MAY 7, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

#### The Announcements

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:



The Prelude

\*The Call to Worship

~ God's People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 164....."O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

### \*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

\*The Confession of Faith......The 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.

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

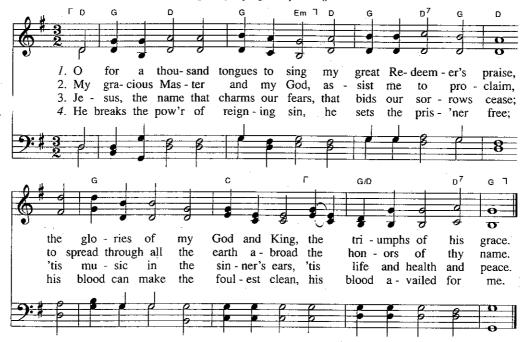
The Law of God ...... Deuteronomy 6:4–6

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8



- He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
- Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M. Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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### Jesus, Lover of My Soul

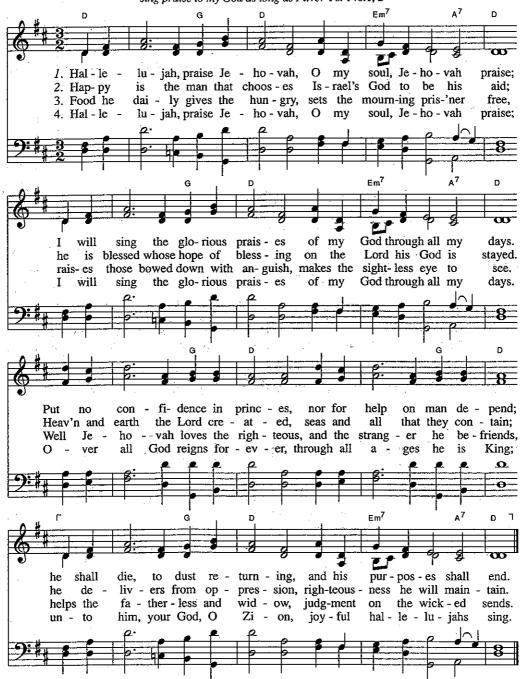
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35



### 57

#### Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2



Psalm 146 The Psalter, 1912 Mod. RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D. Gregorian chant Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

The Prayer of Confession Our Heavenly Father, you have clearly told us in your Word that you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ, and chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless in your sight. We are most thankful for our high position in Christ, but we confess to you that we have failed to live up to that holy and blameless position. We have sinned daily against your divine majesty in thought, word, and deed. We confess that our sin is the reason Jesus suffered and died. Forgive us for our manifold sins against you and against others, and cause us to grow into the people you created each of us to be, by the power of your blessed Holy Spirit. In Jesus' gracious name we pray. The Silent Confession And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. \*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 508....."Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~ The Encouragement to Give......1 Corinthians 10:16–17 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake

of the one bread. The Great Prayer ......Pastor Ryan Biese

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

\*The Psalm No. TH57.....""Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (Ps. 146) The Sermon .......Pastor Ryan Biese

SERMON NOTES

"Devoted to Jesus" | John 12:1-3 | Page 845 | Light Shines in the Darkness No. 65

1. Arrival in Bethany a. How does John link what takes place with the events of Chapter 11?

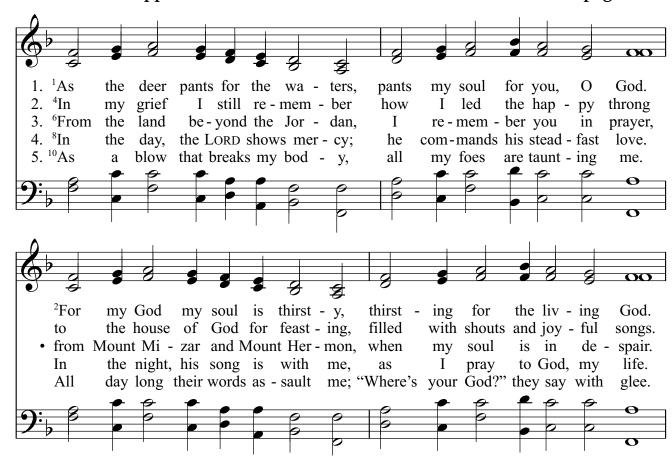
b. Why must Jesus show up in Jerusalem for the feast? c. Application: The comfort of Christ's righteousness for you. d. How does John emphasize the reality of Jesus' miracle in Bethany? e. How do the religious leaders propose to deal with the evidence of Jesus' miraculous power? f. How might we detect in ourselves the seeds of the same sins manifested in the Jewish Senate? 2. Supper a. How do the Gospels of Matthew and Mark record this event differently from what John records for us? b. Why does John not tell us where the banquet is located? 3. Anointed a. Ordinarily, when did the Jews anoint themselves? b. Did Mary anoint Jesus' head or feet? c. How does Mary contrast with the Jewish Sanhedrin? d. How does Mary's actions and attitude now contrast with her grief on the roadside with the gaggle of grievers? e. How will Mary's action contrast with the actions of the disciples in the Upper room?

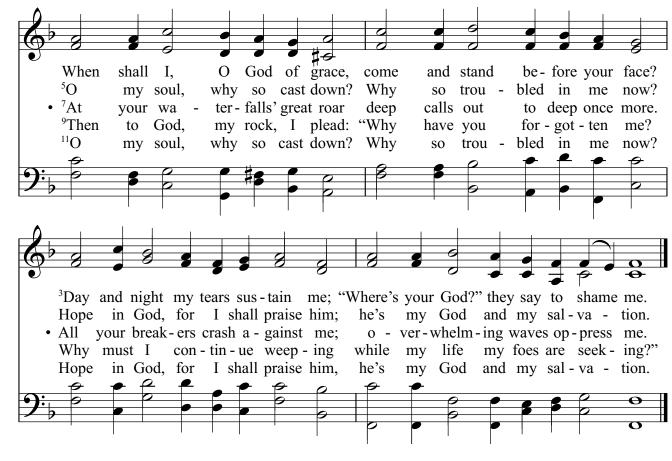
f. Application: The beauty of utter devotion to Jesus...

g. Why can Mary be so devoted to Jesus?

#### ~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

\*The Psalm of Approach No. 42....." As the Deer Paints for the Waters" (pages 4-5)





#### ~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

# The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### ~ God's People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

\*The Psalm of Praise No. 117....."Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations" (page 7)

#### ~ God Blesses His People ~

#### The Benediction

\*The Response No. 733 ....."The Doxology"

"And may you have the power to *understand*, as all God's people should--how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you *experience* the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully!" Ephesians 3:18-19

The love of Christ is an infinite love: its *heights* and *depths*, its *breadths* and *lengths*--surpass our knowledge! The whole of His *nature* and *perfections* are thrown into His love, therefore He is said to BE love. He cannot love His people more than He does, nor will He love them less! Until we can *comprehend infinity* and *measure eternity*--we cannot know the love of Christ to perfection.

Christ's love can never be *diverted* from its objects; it is *immutably fixed* upon them, and remains fixed forever! Had it been possible to have turned its current, it would have been done long ago; but it is still the *river*, the streams whereof make glad the city of God.

Having loved His own, He loves them unto the very end. Nothing present or future, above or below--can ever separate believers from the love of Jesus!

O believer, admire and adore! Jesus *continues* to love you amidst all your coldness, darkness, and proneness to wander; therefore He restores your soul and *causes* you to walk in the paths of righteousness. *Satan* may harass and accuse you, the *world* may frown upon and persecute you--but Jesus rests in His love, and rejoices over you with singing!

And amidst all the *changes* which we feel within and without, we ask with holy Paul, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?" And with him we reply, "No! In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. I am convinced that nothing can *ever* separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow, not even the powers of Hell--can separate us from God's love! No power in the sky above or in the earth below. Indeed, nothing in all creation-will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord!"



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 7, 2023 +The deacons have requested food and drinks no longer be brought into the

auditorium. Tables and chairs are provided in the fellowship hall.

+ Evening worship resumes next Lord's Day. The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship on May 21. + The Session and WiC will meet on May 10 starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be no

+ Immediately following morning worship, there is a lunch in the fellowship hall.

prayer meeting or children's activities on that date. Supper and Youth/Young Adult activities will continue as normal.

# Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting FPFO to 84576.

doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give

- + To subscribe to the prayer list, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org. + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium
- Announcements for the bulletin are due weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.

#### The Lord's Day Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting

**FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule** 

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class **WAAK 94.7 FM** 6:30 p.m. Youth & Young Adult

The Gospel of John 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship (excluding First Sundays) 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 May 7: M.L. Wilson & C. Rowan May 14: Sarah Wilson & T. Keller