

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 GodDeuteronomy 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

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. 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. 1861

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

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm C F C⁷ Dm A⁷ Dm

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

Γ B^b F B^b C⁷ F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

B^b F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm 7

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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

D G D Em7 A7 D

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

G D Em7 A7 D

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

G D G D

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

G D Em7 A7 D

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

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

The Assurance of Pardon.....Colossians 2:13-14

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 PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

*The Psalm No. TH57.....“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”(Ps. 146)

The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

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

SERMON NOTES

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 grievors?

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 Pains for the Waters" (pages 4-5)

1. ¹As the deer pants for the wa - ters, pants my soul for you, O God.
2. ⁴In my grief I still re - mem - ber how I led the hap - py throng
3. ⁶From the land be - yond the Jor - dan, I re - mem - ber you in prayer,
4. ⁸In the day, the LORD shows mer - cy; he com - mands his stead - fast love.
5. ¹⁰As a blow that breaks my bod - y, all my foes are taunt - ing me.

²For my God my soul is thirst - y, thirst - ing for the liv - ing God.
to the house of God for feast - ing, filled with shouts and joy - ful songs.
• from Mount Mi - zar and Mount Her - mon, when my soul is in de - spair.
In the night, his song is with me, as I pray to God, my life.
All day long their words as - sault me; "Where's your God?" they say with glee.

When shall I, O God of grace, come and stand be-fore your face?
⁵O my soul, why so cast down? Why so trou- bled in me now?
 • ⁷At your wa- ter-falls' great roar deep calls out to deep once more.
⁹Then to God, my rock, I plead: "Why have you for- got- ten me?
¹¹O my soul, why so cast down? Why so trou- bled in me now?"

³Day and night my tears sus-tain me; "Where's your God?" they say to shame me.
 Hope in God, for I shall praise him; he's my God and my sal-va-tion.
 • All your break-ers crash a-gainst me; o-ver-whelm-ing waves op-press me.
 Why must I con-tin-ue weep-ing while my life my foes are seek-ing?"
 Hope in God, for I shall praise him, he's my God and my sal-va-tion.

~ 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!"

- James Smith

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!

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.
- + Immediately following morning worship, there is a lunch 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 prayer meeting or children's activities on that date. Supper and Youth/Young Adult activities will continue as normal.

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- + 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 by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.fpfo.org/give)

Announcements for the bulletin are due weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.

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

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
The Gospel of John
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