

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 21, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 358.....“For All the Saints”

*THE INVOCATION AND 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 GOD.....Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts.

We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties to one another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you.

We beseech you: forgive us all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and Who lives to make intercession for us.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Psalm 32:5-6

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 42....."As the Deer Pants for the Waters"

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 thron
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.

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 12:3-5

THE SERMON“One Body in Christ ”

I. **Introduction**: What two questions are being addressed at this point?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Apostolic Authority (v. 3)**

1. **Graciously Granted**

a. How does Paul add to the appeal that began this chapter?

b. Why is grace central to his argument?

2. **General Directive**: How does Paul change this directive from that which began Chapter 12?

a. How does the Apostle Paul assault our pride?

b. What sort of assessment does Paul prescribe?

3. **Sober Judgment**

a. How is the Apostle Paul careful in his wording?

b. To what does faith refer?

4. **Application**

a. *Holy humility in all of church life...*

b. *There are stations and callings in the Church.*

c. *All callings, gifts, and stations in the Church are gifts of God's grace.*

B. Unity in Variety (v. 4)

1. A Different Body: How does the Apostle Paul use the body analogy?

2. Principles for the Church as a Body

a. Organic Unity...

b. Variety within the body...

c. Diversity of functions...

d. Essential functions...

e. Inter-dependence of members and function...

f. All members contribute to the body even when not apparent.

g. Every function of the body serves the Head.

h. Failure of part impacts the whole...

3. Diversity in the Church

C. Common Membership

1. Membership in Christ

a. Unity and individuality sustained.

b. How does membership in one another motivate service?

2. Christ's Table: How is unity within the body displayed at the Table?

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 420“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

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!

Youth & Young Adult Fellowship

Friday, May 26, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

Meet at the Cravens House on Cravens Terrace | Lookout Mtn., Tenn.

Pro-tip: plug in “Cravens House” to your GPS, and you will find it.

Contact Joe Wilson for further information.

Summer Adult Sunday School Course

“What comes to mind when someone mentions ‘meditation’? Have you given much thought to the immensely helpful practice of *Christian* meditation? Thomas Watson observed, “ The devil is an enemy of meditation . . . He knows that meditation is a means to compose the heart, and to bring it into a gracious frame.” James Ussher counseled people over 350 years ago: “One hour spent [in meditation], is worth more than a thousand sermons, and this is no debasing of the word, but an honor unto it.” This summer the adult Sunday school class will be using David Saxton’s book, *God’s Battle Plan for the Mind: The Puritan Practice of Biblical Meditation*, as a tool to guide us in the practice of Christian meditation. We may also think of this series as an extended, practical application of Romans 12:2: to be transformed by the renewing of the mind. The book is short, which will allow ample time for discussion and examples for consideration, so please join RE Bowers as he leads this study from June 4 through August 27.