

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | NOVEMBER 7, 2021 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



*The Call to Worship

~ We Respond to God's Call to Worship ~

*The Hymn of Praise No. 358 "For All the Saints"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 27

Q. In what did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. *Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

The Call to Confession 1 John 2:1

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.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. And yet, we need your help to truly grieve, regret, and mourn our rebellion.

So, fill us with holy fear, give us your grace to amend our lives according to your Word, and restore our souls through Jesus Christ. Make us kind and merciful as you are.

Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive every wrong we have suffered, and to seek forgiveness for every wrong that we have done. Let our love, humility, and generosity be as abundant as our joy. Please so firmly root us in the glory and mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, that we are empowered by your Spirit to overcome alluring seduction of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Assurance of Pardon.....1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 77“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 103:8–13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

The Great Prayer

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

***The Psalm No. 119.....“O LORD, You are the Righteous Ones”**

1. ¹³⁷O LORD, you are the right - teous one, and up - right
 2. ¹³⁹My zeal con - sumes me ut - ter - ly, be - cause my
 3. ¹⁴¹Your pre - cepts I do not for - get, though I am
 4. ¹⁴³Dis - tress and trou - ble found me out, but your com -

is your law's de - mand; ¹³⁸most faith - ful and most
 foes for - get your word. ¹⁴⁰Be - cause your words are
 held in low es - teem. ¹⁴²Your jus - tice is for -
 mands are my de - light. ¹⁴⁴Grant wis - dom so that

right - teous are the ho - ly stat - utes you com - mand.
 ver - y pure, your ser - vant loves your prom - ise, LORD.
 ev - er right; your law is faith - ful - ness in - deed.
 I may live; your stat - utes are for - ev - er right.

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction:** Why does John select these two individuals to highlight the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Testimony (v. 15)**

1. **Ongoing Witness:** How does John emphasize the ongoing testimony of this witness?

2. **Surpassing John**

a. How did John the Baptizer understand his ministry and purpose?

b. Why would his approach be strange to his contemporaries?

c. What does “He is the first of me” convey?

d. **Application:** How does this remind us of our own Christ-centered living?

B. **Fullness (vv. 16-17)**

1. **Receiving:** Who has *received* here and what?

2. **Grace Upon Grace (v. 16):** What is the meaning of this phrase?

a. What does the word *Christ* mean?

b. **Application:** How does the title *Christian* remind us of the abundant blessings that belong to God’s people?

c. **Application:** In what ways does Christ supply the needs of His people spiritually as well as every adversity?

3. **Surpassing Moses:** Why would what John says be difficult for a Jew to believe or embrace?

a. The Greatness of Moses

1) **Application:** Why do we often prefer law instead of grace?

2) **Application:** What does grace do to us, force us to recognize?

b. The Inferiority of Moses

1) What is the main contrast?

2) Is John saying there is no grace or truth in Moses?

c. What can the Law not give?

d. What sort of Freedom is there in Christ?

C. Revealed (v. 18)

1. **Unapproachable Light:** What does this tell us about the knowledge of God?

2. **Made Known:**

a. What is behind the expression “only God,” to whom does that refer?

b. How do we know Jesus accurately reveals God?

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 455....."And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

~ 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"

~ God Blesses His People ~

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733 "The Doxology"

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE LORD'S TABLE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Table is open to baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who are faithful and active members in good standing of a Protestant church in which the gospel of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone is proclaimed. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal in which Christ is present to the faith of believers and spiritually nourishes the faith of believers.

In this meal, Christ – through His officers – serves His people who have come to Him in repentance and faith and who, by grace, are living lives of new obedience. The supper testifies that Christ welcomes sinners, serves sinners, and gave His body to be broken and blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

*Christ ordained His supper with bread and wine. As such, **red wine** is offered. For those who for health reasons cannot consume alcohol, **white grape juice** is also available. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an elder.*

Psalm 117A

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 NOVEMBER 7, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The back two rows of the middle section are reserved for people wearing masks (covering mouth and nose) for the entirety of the worship service while seated or standing there. The service is also live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing greater masking and distancing protocols.

- + Next Lord's Day will be the final opportunity to have your picture taken for the new church directory.
- + Evening worship will resume next Lord's Day. Please stay for fellowship lunch after worship this morning. All are invited!

An Evening of Fellowship, Thanksgiving, and Praise

Tuesday, Nov. 23 Supper @ 5:45 | Thanks & Praise 6:30

In this busy week at the start of a busy season of the year, let us pause together as a congregation and unite to reflect on God's goodness to us as we express our gratitude to God with one another.

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 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.fppo.org/give)

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
(except First Sundays)

Wednesday

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. *KidsQuest* (children)
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Kings of Israel (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Galatians (young women)

*Livestream available at www.fppo.org/live

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

Nursery Nov. 7: Sarah Wilson

Nursery Nov. 14: Julia Porter