# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | FEBRUARY 6, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

#### The Announcements

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



\*The Call to Worship

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

# \*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.

*\*catholic* refers to the universal church; this is to say, the Church is more than FPFO or the PCA. This does not refer to the Roman Catholic religion.

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

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Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

# The Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, you are the Great King and Judge of all the Earth; you have graciously given rulers and authorities to govern us and to preserve and promote order in the world that you have made.

We have failed to give proper respect to those in authority over us - our parents, our superiors, our elders, and our civil authorities and to obey their lawful commands.

We have not obeyed and carried out our duties as we should. We have agreed to obey but failed to follow through on our promises.

We have envied the authority of our superiors, failing to be content with the lot that God has given us.

Our rebellion against these authorities is ultimately rebellion against you, and for that we are deeply sorry. Forgive us, our Heavenly Father, and cause us to walk in humble obedience.

Make us long for the return of the King and the end of all governments except for His, when the dwelling place of God is with man forevermore and we are finally and completely free from the presence and power of sin.

The Assurance of Pardon .....Psalm 23:5–6

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 252 ......... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Encouragement to Give .....Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Great Prayer

# ~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~



The Sermon......Rev. Ryan Biese

"New Birth" | John 3:1-8 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 13 | Page 834

## SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction: What does the world presume is the basis of God's acceptance?

#### II. Main Argument A. People Come with What They Have (vv. 1-2)

- 1. He's a Pharisee (v. 1): What / who were the Pharisees?
- 2. <u>He Comes By Night (v. 1)</u>: What does John simply by repeated references to the nocturnal habits of this man?
  - a. What encouragement does this initial meeting offer us?

#### b. Application: It is not those who make a grand profession who necessarily persevere to the end.

- 3. He's Concerned About His Soul (v. 2) a. What do self-righteous people look like?
  - b. What does Nicodemus recognize about Jesus?
  - c. Application: Are you concerned about your soul?

## **B. New Birth (vv. 3-6)**

- 1. Jesus Isn't Interested in Flattery (v. 3): What is the peril of religion centered on nice words and decent behavior?
- 2. Jesus Scuttles Everything Nicodemus Knew (v. 4) a. What was the hope of every faithful Jew in the days of Jesus?

- b. How did many in Jesus' day believe they could usher in the day for which they were waiting?
- c. What shocking thing does Jesus say about entry into the Kingdom?
- Jesus Hits People Where It Hurts (v. 4)
   a. Why doesn't Nicodemus understand what Jesus says?

b. How does Jesus often speak to people?

- 4. <u>Without New Birth You Cannot Come to God (vv. 5-6)</u>
  a. What is wrong with the understanding Nicodemus possesses?
  - b. What do "Water and the Spirit" refer to or mean?
  - c. What is the Old Testament background to this?
  - d. How is what Jesus says unnatural?
- 5. <u>Like Produces Like (v. 6)</u> a. What is necessary for life?
  - b. How is the New Birth a stumbling block?

#### C. Sovereign Salvation (vv. 7-8) 1. God's Sovereign Grace is Not Predictable

2. <u>God's Sovereign Grace is Unmistakeable</u>

#### III. Conclusion

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Simulcast @ FPFO | May 4-5

Post-Conference Special Guest: Pastor Todd Pruitt | May 8 Adult Sunday school Morning Worship



Harry Reeder

Jonathan Master

lan Hamilton

Jon Payne

**David Strain** 

Jonathon Gibson

Melton Duncan



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2022

#### 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.

- + If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Mary Lou Wilson.
- + Evening Worship will resume next Lord's Day at 6:00 p.m.
- + There will be a reception after Evening Worship on Feb. 27. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you can bring something to share.

# 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: <u>FPFO.org/give</u>



with Rev. David Strain

**February 26, 2022** 12:00 PM Lunch\* *Ministry in the PCA* 2:00 PM *The Servant Succeeds* 3:05 PM *The Servant Scorned*  **February 27, 2022** 9:45 AM *The Servant Sacrificed* 10:45 AM *The Servant Stricken* 6:00 PM *The Servant Satisfied* 

\*Registration required for lunch; please visit www.fpfo.org/conference Lunch is sponsored by the Gospel Reformation Network

Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.Nursery Feb. 6: Julia PorterNursery Feb. 13: Beth Rowan