First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament The Lord's Day | January 15, 2023 | 6 o'clock www.fpfo.org | 706.866.2521

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JANUARY 15, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE HYMN SING
*The Call to Worship
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 700
*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer
*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 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. 138 "With All My Heart" (page 3)



I. <u>Introduction</u>: What two questions are being addressed at this point?

II. <u>Main Argument</u>

- A. Earnest Desire (v. 1)
 - 1. <u>Concern</u>: Why does Paul pray ceaselessly for the Hebrews?
 - a. In what way is Paul like God?
 - b. Why does Paul specify that his prayer is to God?
 - 2. <u>Application</u>: God's sovereign, electing grace is not cause for indifference to the eternal state of others

B. Earnest Ignorance (v. 2)

- 1. <u>Blessed Object</u>: For what are the Hebrews zealous?
- 2. <u>Wrong Path</u>: "It is better even to go limping in the right way than to run with all our might out of the way" Augustine of Hippo
 - a. What is the problem with the zeal of the Hebrews?
 - b. Where does zeal with knowledge lead?
 - c. <u>Application</u>: *Ignorance is no excuse.*
 - d. Application: Good intentions are no comfort.

e. <u>Application</u>: The urgency of remaining in the (right) way.

C. Rebellious Substitution (v. 3)

- 1. <u>God's Righteousness</u>: Of what are the jews ignorant?
- 2. <u>Established Righteousness</u>: What are the Jews determined to be?
 - a. Why did (do) the Jews set up their own righteous standard?
 - b. How did the Apostle have to overcome his own righteousness?
- 3. <u>Insubordinate</u>: What contrast does the Apostle Paul set up here?
 - a. What beautiful picture is contained within God's Law?
 - b. <u>Application</u>: The Lord's Table demonstrates the righteousness of God.

D. Righteous Provision (v. 4)

- End of the Law

 a. In what sense does the Apostle use *the end* here?
 - b. Since they were seeking a righteousness of their own earning, what have the Jews missed?
- 2. <u>Qualification</u>: About whom is the Apostle speaking?

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 422""Twas on That Night When Doomed"
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"

\sim ANNOUNCEMENTS \sim

- The church is in need of a librarian. Please let Ryan or one of the other elders know if you would be willing to serve in this way.
- The women's Bible study will meet Saturday morning at 8:30. All ladies of the church are welcome. Doing the reading in advance is not required. Please contact Hannah Rowan for more details.
- The women's fellowship known as GAG night will meet January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.
- The January meeting of the Moms Encouragement Lunch is Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided for moms and children. Childcare provided for PreK and Elementary-aged children along with an activity focusing on missionaries.

