

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | March 28, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE SESSION

Ryan Biese, Moderator
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David Bosshardt
Wil Davis

THE DIACONATE

Bob Keller, Chairman
Lance Wood, Clerk

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

The Duet.....He Was Wounded For Our Transgressions
Sarah Wilson & Mary Lou Wilson

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise....."All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high;
3. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
and mor - tal men, and all things cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of FaithWestminster Shorter Catechism No. 85**

Q. *What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?*

A. **To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ conveys to us the benefits of redemption.**

The Call to ConfessionPsalm 53:1–3

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

The Confession of Sin

Most merciful God: Your eyes are too pure to behold iniquity, but You have promised forgiveness to all who confess and forsake their sins through Jesus Christ.

So we come before You in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many transgressions of Your righteous laws.

We have called upon Your Name, but we have acted like fools. We have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have not done those things which we ought to have done.

But, O Gracious Father, who delights to show mercy, look upon us with Your grace and forgive us all our sins. Make us to feel deeply the great evil of them. Please work in us a true remorse that we may always obtain forgiveness at Your hand, for You are ever ready to show compassion to humble and contrite sinners, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonRomans 5:9-10

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving**“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”



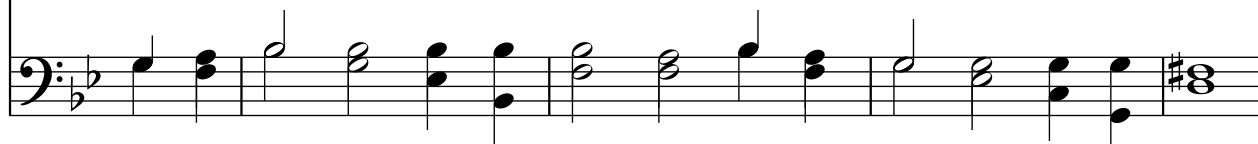
1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

The Encouragement to GiveHebrews 12:28–29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us via this [link](#) or the QR code below. You can also call (706.866.2521) or email (office@fpfo.org) the church office.



~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

***The Psalm No. 7.....“O, LORD, My God, I Take Refuge”**

1. ¹ O LORD, my God, I take re - fuge in You;
 2. ³ O LORD my God, if my hands were un - just,
 3. ⁶ LORD, rise in an - ger, and be my de - fense

O save me from all those who have pur - sued.
⁴ Harm - ing my foes or my friends in their trust,
 A - gainst my en - e - my's rage so in - tense;

² Lest they should tear me like li - ons with prey;
⁵ Let my pur - su - er come near and sur - round,
 Rise, bring the judg - ment that You have de - creed.

With none to res - cue, they'd drag me a - way.
 Tramp - ling my life in the dust of the ground.
⁷ Let peo - ples come and with You gath - ered be.

4. Come back to rule over them from on high. 5. ⁹ O let the evil of wicked men cease,
⁸ The LORD will judge as the nations draw nigh. And all the righteous establish in peace;
 My cause is right, LORD, O vindicate me; God who is righteous examines and finds
 Judge me as You my integrity see. All of the depths of men's hearts and their minds.

I. Introduction

A. How does God reveal He desires more than personal holiness?

B. What are some of “Man’s Entitlements” in the Book of the Covenant? Why does man have these “entitlements?”

II. Main Argument

A. Rules for Witnesses (vv. 1-3)

1. False Reports (v. 1): how does this apply more broadly than the witness stand?

a. What happens when we fail to recognize how our depravity has impacted our speech?

b. **Application**: what are ways we (**you**) can avoid spreading false reports?

2. Malicious Witnesses (v. 1): what are these?

3. Fairness as Witnesses (vv. 2-3)

a. How can telling the truth be costly?

b. **Application**: how is the desire to please our neighbor righteous and how can it be twisted to sinful ends?

B. Rules for Judges (vv. 3, 6-9)

1. No Respecter of Persons (v. 3): how does this apply to both judges and witnesses?

- a. Does God always favor the vulnerable and the weak?
 - b. In matters of Justice whose side is “God on”?
 - c. **Application:** why is it important to withhold judgment and presumption?
2. Give the Poor Man His Due (v. 6): how does God invest the judges with power to protect the poor in litigation?
 3. False charges (vv. 7a, 8): why ought judges in the Old Covenant Church quickly dismiss baseless charges?
 4. Treatment of Foreigners (v. 9): why does God repeat this ordinance?
 - a. How is the force of the ordinance here slightly different from its force in Exodus 22:21?
 - b. **Application:** our experience of God’s grace shapes the way we treat other people.
 5. Burden of Proof (v. 7b)
 - a. What is the danger to the one who brings false charges (cf. 1 Kings 21)?
 - b. How does this warn judges against convicting accused persons except in cases of clear and overwhelming guilt?
 - c. What comfort does this offer to judges?

d. Application: how should this cause all who issue any sort of ruling (e.g. parents, employers) to fear ruling unjustly?

e. Application: what comfort in christ is offered here?

C. Rules for All (vv. 4-5)

1. Your Enemy is your Neighbor: to what is your enemy entitled?

a. What is the pun on the word *loose* or *let* here?

b. Where can we find the strength to treat our enemy in this way?

*The Hymn of Commitment.....“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let angel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain

die for me?
 quire no more.
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

The Benediction

***The Response**....."Gloria Patri"
*Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be:
 World without end. Amen. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 28, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

Masks are **required** for the 9:15 a.m. Service

The only exceptions are those actively leading a portion of the service and persons ten and under.

Masks are **recommended** for the 10:45 a.m. Service and 6 p.m. Evening Worship

For more information please visit the church website: www.fpfo.org/Mask21.pdf

What About Nursery? Young children are *always* welcome in worship! Yes, even noisy ones. Yet, if parents prefer there is a nursery available in the lower level of the “new” building. We regret - due to the public health situation - the nursery is not staffed, but the 10:45 a.m. service is live-streamed to the nursery.

+ There is a meeting for current officers and deacon-nominees at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 to conclude deacon training.

Youth Service Week Info Meeting: April 4

This year's service week will be June 7-12. Additional information will be announced in the meeting on April 4 following 10:45 a.m. Worship.

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + If you are not currently receiving the weekly prayer list via email and would like to do so, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + If you are able to support the church in her worship and work, you can do so by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office or by giving online: www.FPFO.org/give.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:15 a.m. Morning Worship
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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting*
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Kings of Israel (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)
KidsQuest (young children)

*Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live