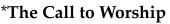
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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





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

*The Psalm of Praise No. 6 ... "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord" (Psalm 103)

*The Prayer of Adoration

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

~ God Calls His People to Confess their Sins ~

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Psalm 139 from *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* © 2018 Orthodox Presbyterian Church & United Reformed Churches "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness" © Thankyou Music | Used by Permission | CCLI 487914 | The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Redeemer of Your people, we come in humble confession of our sins because You have promised to forgive us on the merits of Christ, Your only Son, the Lamb of God who covers our iniquities.

You alone know how often we have offended You and injured others.

Forgive us, O Lord, for every irreverent thought, for every untrue word, for every unkind act, for our neglect of prayer, for every selfish use of money, and for forgetfulness of our sacred vows.

O God, have mercy upon us and heal us, and enable us by Your Holy Spirit to walk after the example of Christ, our Lord and King. In His name we pray,

The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

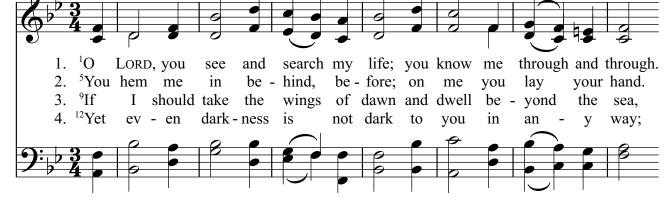
~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

The Encouragement to GiveMatthew 6:25–26

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

The Great PrayerElder David Bosshardt





~ God Speaks to His People in the Scripture ~

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

"The Voice" | John 1:19-28 | Page 833 | Light in the Darkness No. 5

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**: Why does John emphasize the greatness of Christ so much?

II. Main Argument

A. The Question

1. <u>Testimony</u>: In contrast to the other evangelists (Gospel writers), what is the primary focus of the Baptizer's ministry for John?

2. The Delegation

- a. What is meant by the Jews?
- b. What is behind or motivating their question?

3. <u>Application</u>: Those entrusted with spiritual authority ought to be diligent to monitor what is going on in the church

B. The Denials

- 1. <u>Lack of Ambiguity</u>: What is strange about the way John introduces the Baptizer's testimony?
- 2. <u>The Christ</u>: Why was First Century Judea rife with speculation and anticipation about messianic and eschatological matters?
 - a. What does *christ* mean? What sort of people bore that title?
 - b. What is expected by the Hebrews about the Christ?

3. <u>Elijah (v. 21)</u>

a. Why were the Jews right to be looking for Elijah?

- b. Does John contradict Jesus here?
- 4. <u>The Prophet (v. 21)</u>: What is the difference between a prophet and the prophet?

5. <u>Application</u> a. The Need for Spiritual Humility

b. The Danger of Law-Based, Transactional Religion

C. The Affirmation (vv. 22-23)

- 1. Desperate request (v. 22)
 - a. In what way is this a proper question?

b. Application: When can we begin to be filled?

- 2. Identity Revealed (v. 23)
 - a. How does the New Testament enrich God's people's understanding of God's promises in Isaiah?
 - b. How does John minimize his own significance?

c. <u>Application</u>: In what way does John have an end of life perspective?

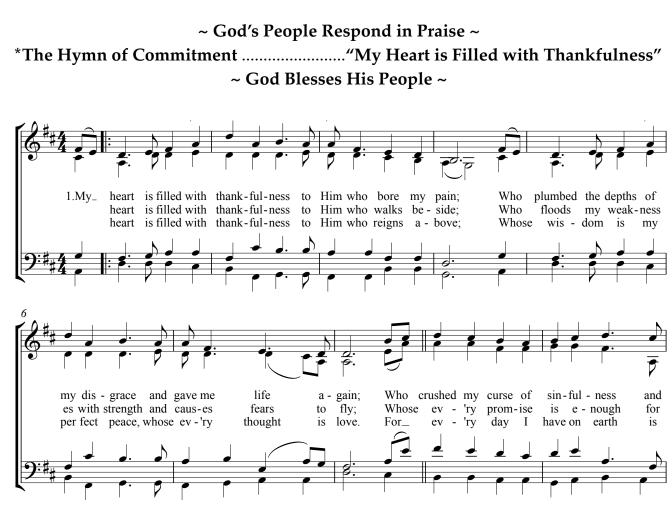
D. The Answer (vv. 24-28)

- 1. Contingent (vv. 24-25): Who is asking this question?
- 2. Greatness of Christ (vv. 26-27):
 - a. What is significant about the way John records the Baptizer's explanation as different from that of the other evangelists?
 - b. What's wrong with taking off somebody's sandals?

c. <u>Application</u>: The Danger of Mere Religious Focus

3. <u>Geography</u>: Why is it significant for John that this takes place in Bethany?

III. Conclusion





The Benediction

> 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.

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NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT			
Oct. Expenses:	\$12,588.31	Oct. Budget: \$23,196.88	
Oct. Income:	\$19,206.19		
Oct. Net Income:	\$6,617.88		
2021 Ord. Expenses:\$192,038.76		YTD Budget: \$231,968.80	
2021 Ord. Income:	\$221,240.07	C C	
2021 Net Income:	\$29,201.31*		
*Note: financial figures now only reflect ordinary income and expenses. In reports for previous			
months, unrealized investment gains and/or losses were considered.			
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 14, 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.

+ Today is the last day to have your picture made by Andrew Keller for the new pictorial pictorial directory. If you have not had your picture made, please see him after worship today.

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 church in her worship and work:

- + 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.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule				
The Lord's Day	Wednesday			
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper			
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting			
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship*	6:30-7:30 p.m. KidsQuest (children)			
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast	6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies			
WAAK 94.7 FM	The Kings of Israel (adults)*			
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship*	The Life of David (young men)			
(excluding First Sundays)	Galatians (young women)			
*Livestream available at www.fpfo.org/live				
Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.				
Nursery Nov 14: Julia Porter	Nursery Nov. 21: Beth Rowan			