

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | April 4, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE SESSION

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise "Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today"**

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sons of men and an - gels say; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

raise your joys and tri-umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

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| <p>5. Soar we now where Christ has led, <i>Alleluia!</i>
 Foll'wing our exalted head; <i>Alleluia!</i>
 Made like him, like him we rise; <i>Alleluia!</i>
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, <i>Alleluia!</i></p> | <p>6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! <i>Alleluia!</i>
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; <i>Alleluia!</i>
 Thee we greet triumphant now; <i>Alleluia!</i>
 Hail, the Resurrection, thou! <i>Alleluia!</i></p> |
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***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of FaithWestminster Larger Catechism No. 52**

Q. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A. *Christ was exalted in his resurrection in that, not having seen corruption in death (in which it was not possible for him to be held), and having truly the same body in which he suffered (with the essential properties of it, but without mortality and the other common infirmities belonging to this life) really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead on the third day by his own power. By this he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death and him that had the power of it, and to be lord of the living and the dead. All of this he did as a public person as the head of his church, for our justification, to enliven us in grace, to support us against our enemies, and to assure us of our own resurrection from the dead at the last day.*

The Call to ConfessionRomans 6:21, 23

What fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death...The wages of sin is death.

The Confession of Sin

Our great and glorious God, You know and judge the secrets of every human heart. We do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against your commandments. We have turned from your ways and from your blessed Presence and have reaped the misery of turning away from You, the very Author of life.

None of us is righteous, no not one; none of us has understanding, none of us seeks God; Our throats are open graves; we use our tongues to deceive; Our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness; our feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known. We have too little fear of you and too little love for you.

We appeal to you, through your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ Your obedient Son, that you would forgive our sins for His sake, that you would make many righteous through His one act of obedience, and that where our sin has increased, Your grace would abound. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life in Him.

LORD's own courts, His dwell-ing place! My heart and flesh with
 brood her young in safe - ty there. Your al - tars as my
 in whose heart are pil-grims' ways. ⁶They make the vale of

joy draw nigh; As to the liv - ing God I cry.
 rest I sing, O LORD of hosts, my God, my King.
 tears a spring, With showers of bless - ing cov - er - ing.

The Encouragement to Give1 Corinthians 15:50-53

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

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*The Hymn "See, What a Morning"

1. See, what a morn-ing, glo - r'ous-ly bright, With the dawn-ing of
 2. See Ma-ry weep-ing, "Where is He laid?" As in sor - row she
 3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, Thru the Spir - it who

hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave - clothes,
 turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears a voice speak - ing,
 clothes faith with cer - tain - ty; Hon - or and bless - ing,

tomb filled with light, As the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
 call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to
 glo - ry and praise To the King crowned with pow'r and au -

ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, Wrought in
 life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, Speak - ing
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with Him; Death is

love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice; Ful - filled in
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, Will sound till
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered; And we shall

Christ, the Man, For He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 He ap - pears, For He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 reign with Him, For He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“Book of the Covenant: The Community of Immanuel” | Exodus 23:10-19

I. Introduction

A. How does the Book of the Covenant begin and how does it climax?

B. What is the trajectory of the Book of the Covenant?

II. Main Argument

A. Sabbath Rest

1. Sabbath for the Land (vv. 10-11): what is the primary reason for this requirement?
 - a. How does this call the poor to faith and trust in God's provision
 - b. How does this call the wealthy and other landowners to trust in God's provision?
2. Sabbath for the Laborer (v. 12)
 - a. What does it mean that the Sabbath is primarily concerned with *worship* rather than *ceremony* or ritual?
 - b. What aspect of the Sabbath is highlighted here?
3. **Application(s)**: our willingness to not only rest ourselves, but give rest to others is integral to our ability to worship God
 - a. What does the way we treat those in our care indicate about our readiness to worship God?
 - b. What does the way we treat the vulnerable around us indicate about our own perception of God's grace toward us?
 - c. What is the significance of the Lord Jesus Christ coming not to be served, but to serve?

B. Holy Loyalty (v. 13)

1. Be On Guard: what sorts of commands has God given in the Book of the Covenant (Exod. 20:22-23:19)?

2. **Application**: God saved His people and then gave His people His Law; God did not wait for the Old Covenant Church to keep His Law and then determine to save them: ***salvation is by grace alone***.
- a. ***The Importance of Obedience***: does God's grace mean obedience is not important to the life of a Christian?
 - b. ***The Necessity of Christ's Righteousness***: how does a Christian taking seriously the commands of God lead to Christ's praise?
3. **Memory**: how would taking seriously the commands of God result in the names of false gods being forgotten?

C. Three Feasts (vv. 14-19)

1. Miscellaneous Requirements (vv. 17-19)

- a. ***Three Pilgrim Feasts*** (v. 17): what does God singling out the His requirement that the men appear before Him remind us?
- b. ***No Leaven in the Sacrifice*** (v. 18): how does leaven illustrate the way sin works in our own lives?
- c. ***Goats and Milk*** (v. 19): what does this prohibition teach us?

2. Three Feasts (vv. 14-17, 19a)

- a. How does the New Testament refer to the Feasts of "Unleavened Bread," "Harvest," and "Ingathering"??
- b. What is the Old Covenant Church celebrating and remembering in the ***Feast of Unleavened Bread***?
- c. In the ***Feast of Harvest***, what is Israel both anticipating and acknowledging?

d. When was the *Feast of Ingathering* observed?

1) What was Israel to recall during this feast?

2) **Application:** why were the Israelites not to appear before God empty-handed?

e. What is the flow or development in these feasts?

f. How do these feasts teach the people to look for and expect something better coming later?

3. The Lord's Day

a. How do these feasts culminate in Christ?

b. What is the Feast Day Christ gave His people in the New Testament?

c. How does the New Testament Feast Day point to something greater yet to come?

*The Hymn of Commitment....."Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today"

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing *Al - le - lu - ia!*
3. But the pains which he en - dured, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
4. Sing we to our God a - bove *Al - le - lu - ia!*

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; *Al - le - lu - ia!*

who did once up - on the cross *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 who en - dured the cross and grave, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 now a - bove the sky he's King, *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, *Al - le - lu - ia!*

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. *Al - le - lu - ia!*

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 APRIL 4, 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.

+ Wednesday Night Supper has returned for those wanting to eat together on Wednesday nights. Please bring a dish to share if you'd like!

+ Evening Worship resumes *next* Lord's Day at 6 p.m. with Ecclesiastes 3:1-15.

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 following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service today.

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

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

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