# 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



5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

6. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!

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 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

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.

have too little fear of you and too little love for you.

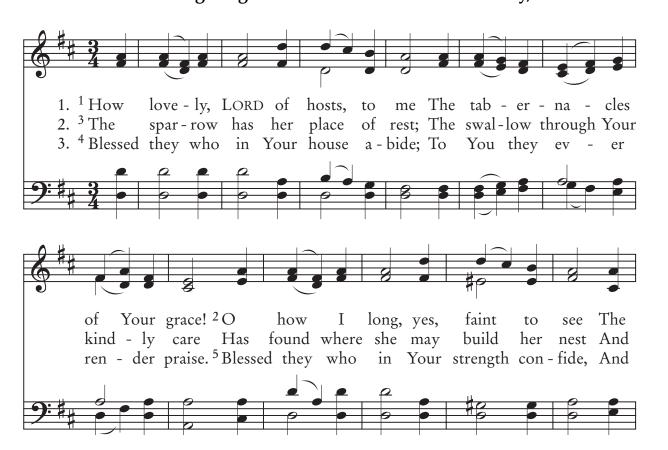
#### The Silent Confession

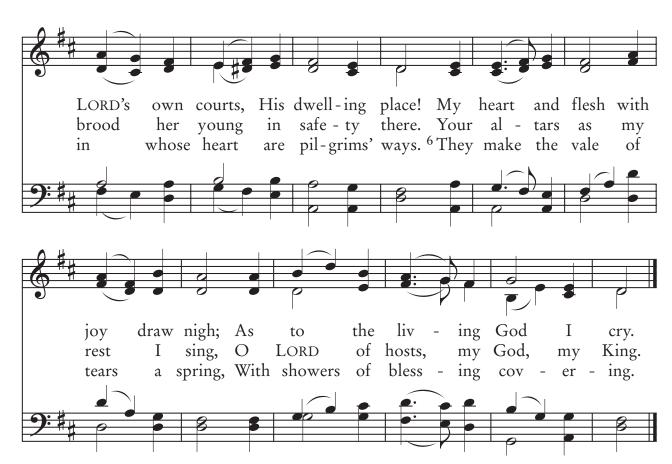
~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

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If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 84....."How Lovely, LORD of Hosts"





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 ordered and to all not contained as a present, 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

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





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"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
  - 2. Sabbath for the Laborer (v. 12)

God's provision?

- 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?

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?

3. **Application(s)**: our willingness to not only rest ourselves, but give

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)?

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

2. Application: God saved His people and then gave His people His

- 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?

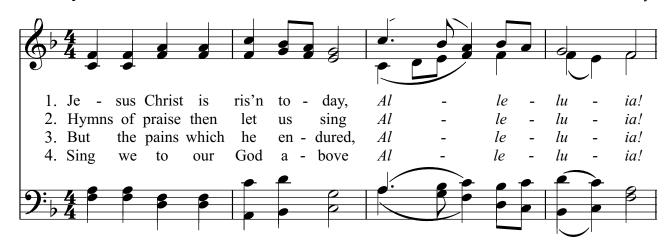
b. No Leaven in the Sacrifice (v. 18): how does leaven illustrate

- 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?
  - **c.** Goats and Milk (v. 19): what does this prohibition teach us?

the way sin works in our own lives?

- 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) <u>Application</u>: 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"



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

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.

What About Nursery? Young children are always welcome in worship! Yes,

- +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 Wednesday 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 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\* 6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies 5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast The Kings of Israel (adults)\*
    - The Life of David (young men)
    - **WAAK 94.7 FM** 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Is God Great & Good (vouna women)
    - KidsQuest (young children) (except First Sundays)
      - \*Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live