

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MAY 8, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



*The Call to Worship

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

*The Hymn of Praise No. 166 "Wondrous King, All Glorious"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism Nos. 88-90

Q88. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A88. *Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.*

Q89. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A89. *To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.*

Q90. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A90. *Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Call to Confession.....1 Timothy 6:11-12

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.

The Confession of Sin

Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end; our sins have earned us Your righteous judgment and have brought about our ruin and condemnation.

Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As You blot out our sins and stains, grow and increase in us the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that we may truly hate and kill our sins, turn from them all the more, and yield to Your praise the fruits of righteousness which are pleasing to You through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 40..“I Waited Long upon the Lord” (Ps. 40:1-9)**

The Encouragement to Give1 Timothy 1:12-14

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

***The Psalm No. 43.....“O Vindicate Me” (page 4)**

1. ¹I wait - ed long up - on the LORD; he stooped and heard my cry.
 2. And man - y, see - ing me re - stored, will trust the LORD and fear.
 3. ⁵O LORD our God, how man - y are the won - ders you have done!
 4. ⁶In sac - ri - fice and of - fer - ing you take no great de - light.
 5. ⁸“To do your will, O LORD my God, is sure - ly my de - light.

²He drew me from de - struc - tion's pit and from the bog - gy mire.
⁴How blest the man who makes the LORD his trust and ref - uge sure,
 • How man - y are the gra - cious thoughts which you to us have shown!
 You seek no sac - ri - fice for sin, no of - f'ring is re - quired.
 Your law is deep with - in my heart and pre - cious in my sight.”

He set my feet up - on a rock, and stead - fast made my ways.
 who turns not to the ar - ro - gant, to those who fol - low lies,
 • LORD, no one can com - pare with you; I will your works pro - claim
 You gave to me an o - pen ear,⁷ and then I said, “Be - hold,
⁹With - in your great as - sem - bly your de - liv - 'rance I've pro - claimed;

³He put with - in my mouth a new and joy - ful song of praise.
 to those who turn a - way from truth, but on the LORD re - lies.
 • and tell of all your won - drous deeds, whose num - ber none can name.
 I come, O LORD, as in the book was writ - ten and fore - told.
 you know, O LORD, in prais - ing you my lips are not re - strained.

1. ¹O vin - di - cate me, plead my cause A - gainst a thank - less
 2. Why have You now a - ban - doned me? Griev - ing, op - pressed by
 3. ⁴Then I will to God's al - tar go, To God, the great - est

na - tion, God; From him who works de - ceit - ful - ly To
 en - e - mies, Send out Your light and truth to me ³That
 of my joys. With harp I'll praise You, God, my God. ⁵My

bring a - bout his un - just ends, Now grant de - liv - er -
 they may clear - ly guide my way, To lead me to Your
 soul, why so cast down, dis - turbed? Hope now in God. I'll

ance to me. ²You are the God who gives me strength.
 ho - ly hill And to Your dwell - ing plac - es there.
 praise Him still. He is my help. He is my God.

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction:**

A. How does the Lord Jesus Christ provoke conflict?

B. What witnesses does Jesus call to vindicate His claims?

II. **Main Argument**

A. Witnesses Called (vv. 30-36)

1. Judgment (vv. 30-31)

a. How does Jesus mark the transition in His speech?

b. How will Jesus exercise judgment?

c. How does Jesus make Himself equal with God and yet challenge the Hebrew understanding of God?

2. Witness for Christ (v. 32): Who is the only witness who matters?

3. The Baptizer’s Witness (vv. 33-35)

a. How is this witness different from that of the Father’s

b. How have the Jews rejected this witness already?

c. **Application:** *See the humility of the Saviour to submit to this.*

4. The Witness of the Signs (v. 36)

a. Why are these witnesses more important than John?

b. **Application:** *The Importance of Miracles to Jesus*

B. Witnesses Rejected (vv. 37-39)

1. The Father's Witness (v. 37a): What instance does Jesus have in mind in which the Father bore witness to Him?

2. Threefold Indictment (v. 37b-38): What are the implications of each blow in the Saviour's triple indictment?
 - a. They Have Never Heard God's Voice

 - b. They Have Never Seen God's Form

 - c. His Word Does Not Abide in Them

 - d. **Application**:
 - 1) *The Danger of Religious Formalism*

 - 2) *The Urgent Ministry of the Holy Spirit*

3. Vain Searching:
 - a. What is wrong with the way the Jews have studied the Scripture?

 - b. **Application**
 - 1) *The Danger of Study*

 - 2) *The Importance of the Scripture*

C. Vain Glory (vv. 41-44)

1. Wrong Glory (v. 41): How is it significant that Jesus has preciously said He does not receive human testimony?
 - a. What does Jesus imply about His opponents?

 - b. **Application**: *The Lord Needs no Glory from Men*

2. No Love (v. 42): What do they love instead of God

3. No Hope: Since they will not receive the One sent by God, whom will they receive?

4. No Glory (v. 44): What is the danger of seeking glory from men?

a. **Application**: *The Danger of Praise*

b. **Application**: *The Principal Cause of Unbelief*

D. Pride (vv. 45-47)

1. The Fifth Witness (v. 45-46): Who accuses the Jews?

2. The Unbelieving (v. 47): Why is the Old Testament important?

III. Conclusion

~ God’s People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 460.....“Amazing Grace”

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735“The Gloria Patri”

MAY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

April Income:	\$10,515.91	Monthly Budget: \$23,816
April Expenses:	\$15,520.58	2022 Budget: \$285,793
April Net Income:	(\$5,004.67)	
2022 Incomes:	\$109,527.84	
2022 Expenses:	\$94,487.59	
2022 Net Income:	\$15,040.25	

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 8, 2022

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next Lord's Day.
- + A Sunday school superintendent is needed to help with scheduling and recruiting of teachers for children and adult Christian Education at FPFO. Please see Elder Bowers if interested in serving in this capacity.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 40TH ANNIVERSARY 1983-2023

To serve on the Celebration
Planning Committee,
please contact Elder Bosshardt.

Service & Adventure Week: June 22-25

Open to all youth & young adults

Contact Mr. or Mrs. Joe Wilson for details

*Informational Meeting May 15
after Morning Worship*

Choices Pregnancy Center Gift Baskets for Moms

**Bring items to equip new mothers
new care for their children.**

**Place them on the table in the
Fellowship Hall by May 31.**

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
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
(excluding First Sundays)

Wednesday

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. KidsQuest (children)
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
 The Kings of Israel (adults)
 The Life of David (young men)
 Galatians (young women)

Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.

Nursery May 8: Beth Rowan

Nursery May 15: Emma Wilson