

# First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | May 15, 2022 | 6 o'clock

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# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 17, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

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THE HYMN SING

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. TH9 .....“All You Who Fear Jehovah’s Name”

\*THE INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH .....The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\*THE LAW OF GOD .....Galatians 5:16–21

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Heavenly Father, Who gathers Your children to Yourself, we confess that we have not walked in love, as You have loved us by giving Your Son. Instead, we find ourselves walking down the paths that You have told us not to walk; and we find ourselves drawn to the very things from which we were saved.*

*We acknowledge that our hearts have entertained lust, uncleanness, and all manner of covetousness. Our lips have uttered that which is filthy, foolish and coarse, and we have not lived before You with hearts of thanksgiving.*

*In Your great mercy, forgive us for the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives that where we have sinned against Your word, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.*

## THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

\*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 116 .....“My Crying Eyes” (pp. 6-7)

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 8:15-17

THE SERMON .....“The Mark of Adoption”

### I. Introduction

A. Signs of Life

B. Benefits of Sonship

### II. Main Argument

#### A. **Boldness (vv. 15-16)**

1. Two Spirits? What does Paul mean by *spirit* here?

a. The Spirit of Bondage produces...

b. The Spirit of Adoption is received by...

- c. What is Paul's point here?
2. Adoption: new relationship
    - a. How has Paul described the Christian's relationship to God previously? How does *adoption* enrich the relationship?
    - b. What is the Spirit's role in this relationship?
    - c. Why does Paul draw on Roman and Greek concepts here more than Old Testament ideas?
  3. Father
    - a. What about people who have a wicked, abusive earthly Father?
    - b. How is this relationship enriched under the New Covenant?
    - c. What is the mark of mark of Adoption?
    - d. Application: *Christians call out to God with boldness and reverence*
    - e. Application: *Assurance flows from who God is.*
  4. Witness (v. 16): Why is the Spirit's role indispensable?

## **B. Glory (v. 17)**

1. Implications of Sonship
  - a. Why does Paul change from *sons* to *children*?
  - b. Why is inheritance significant to sonship?

c. What is the believer's inheritance?

2. Suffering Precedes Glory

a. Is Paul suggesting works or suffering contribute to salvation?

b. Application: *Suffering is included in God's design for His people.*

**III. Conclusion:**

\*THE PSALM OF APPROACH NO. 424 ..... "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*\*please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together\**

*gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117 ..... "Praise Jehovah All Ye Nations" (p. 8)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE RESPONSE NO. 733 ..... "The Doxology"

3. <sup>8</sup> My cry - ing eyes, my stum - bling feet, You res - cued.  
4. <sup>13</sup> Sal - va - tion's cup I'll lift, and call the LORD's name,  
5. <sup>17</sup> I'll bring to You an of - f'ring of thanks - giv - ing;

<sup>9</sup> In lands of life, I'll walk be - fore the LORD.  
<sup>14</sup> Vows to the LORD be - fore His peo - ple pay.  
With sac - ri - fice I'll call up - on the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> I have be - lieved and said, "I am af - flict - ed."  
<sup>15</sup> Ob - served by Him, and pre - cious in the LORD's sight,  
<sup>18</sup> I'll pay the LORD the vows that I have prom - ised;

<sup>11</sup> I said in my dis - may, "All men are false!"  
Is ev - ery death a - mong His god - ly ones.  
This I will do where all His peo - ple meet,

12 What will I of - fer now to the LORD  
16 Sure - ly I am Your ser - vant, O LORD;  
19 With - in His courts, the house of the LORD,

For all the ben - e - fits He's giv - en to me?  
I am Your hand - maid's son, You freed me from chains.  
With - in your midst, Je - ru - sa - lem. Praise the LORD!

<sup>1</sup>Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

<sup>2</sup>for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!