

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | August 15, 2021 | 6 o'clock

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\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. TH80....."Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee"

\*THE INVOCATION

\*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.....Romans 13:8-10

*Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts.*

*We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties to one another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you.*

*We beseech you: forgive us all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us.*

## THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Psalm 32:5-6

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

## THE HYMN SING

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 402....."Abide With Me"

THE SCRIPTURE READING .....Ecclesiastes 11

THE SERMON ..... "The life abundant with one foot in the grave"

I. **Introduction:** How does Solomon's counsel in Chapter 11 further develop the advice of Chapter 10?

## II. Main Argument

### A. Limits of Wisdom (vv. 1-6)

#### 1. Be Generous (vv. 1-2)

- a. Why is diversification wise?
  - b. Why should uncertainty about the future lead us to generosity?
  - c. **Application**: How does the Lord Jesus Christ both vindicate Solomon's wisdom and demonstrate He is superior to Solomon?
2. **Be Confident (vv. 3-4)**: What is the issue here that wisdom is unable to sort out?
    - a. How does wisdom approach unexpected, sub-optimal conditions?
    - b. Danger and Risk
      - (1) What is the problem with governing your life by risks?
      - (2) Rather than being paralyzed by the unknown, what is Solomon's counsel?
3. **Be Humble (v. 5)**:
    - a. How does Solomon show us that we may not understand humility properly?
    - b. **Application**: Even if we can't decipher all God's ways and works, what is our duty?
4. **Be Industrious (v. 6)**
    - a. Why does Solomon advocate working day and night?

b. How can an overly narrow focus be presumptuous?

5. Summary and Application: God did not create mankind to cower in fear and indecision because of lack of certainty or possible danger, but to press on in faithfulness and trust.

B. **Balance of Wisdom (vv. 7-10)**: How does living with one foot in the grave give freedom for this life?

1. Light and Dark (vv. 7-8)

a. What is meant to be enjoyed?

b. Does Solomon assert that neither good nor bad things have any meaning or significance? What is he saying by *vanity*?

2. Joyful and Solemn (vv. 9-10)

a. What's Solomon's advice to young people?

b. How does Solomon warn those who aren't young anymore?

c. How does Solomon's exhortation differ from the ideas of "Positive Thinking" from men such as Peale, Schuller, and Osteen?

(1) Application: Why should Christians be joyful?

(2) Application: How is Solomon's advice to young folks different from what we often hear?

- d. The Judgment of God: Why is God right to judge us for how well we have enjoyed His world?
- e. Old Age: A key part of wisdom is knowing when \_\_\_\_\_ is over and \_\_\_\_\_ has begun.

**III. Conclusion:** How does the Lord’s Table encourage enjoyment of this life?

\*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 703.....“Loved with Everlasting Love”

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. 113 .....“Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise” (p. 7)

\*THE BENEDICTION

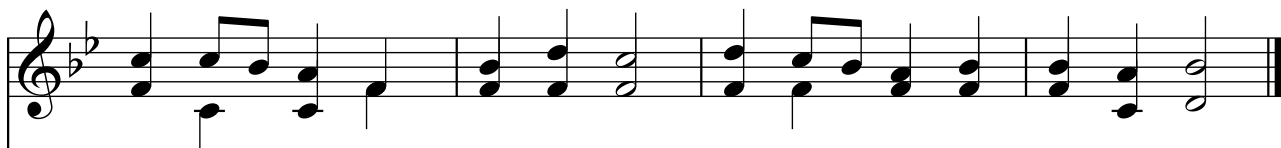
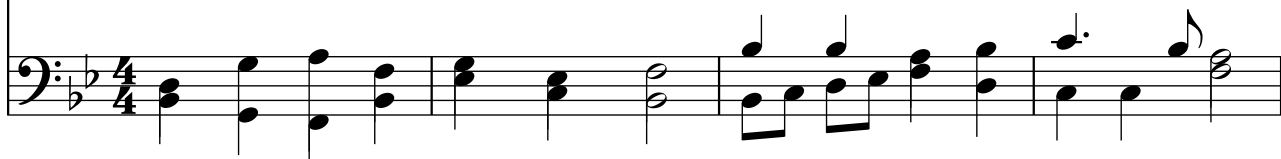
\*THE RESPONSE.....“The Doxology”

Praise God , from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# Psalm 113A



1. <sup>1</sup>Hal - le - lu - jah! Raise, O raise to the LORD our song of praise!
2. <sup>2</sup>From this time and ev - er - more bless the name of God the LORD.
3. <sup>4</sup>Far a - bove the na - tions high, glo - rious far a - bove the sky,
4. <sup>7</sup>From the dust he lifts the low, from the ash heap takes the poor,
5. <sup>9</sup>He gives bar - ren wom - en sons, bless - ing them with hap - py homes



- Praise, O ser - vants of the LORD, praise the name of God the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>From the sun - rise to its rest, may the name of God be blest.  
• <sup>5</sup>who is like the LORD on high, <sup>6</sup>gaz - ing down on earth and sky?  
<sup>8</sup>makes them with the princ - es stand, with the princ - es of the land.  
filled with joy - ful moth - er - hood. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!



**Sunday School Resumes September 5 at 9:45!**

**Pre-Kindergarten** (Ages 3-5)  
(Downstairs | Room 5)

**Lower Elementary** (Ages 6-8)  
(Downstairs | Room 2)

**Upper Elementary** (Ages 9-11)  
(Main Level | Library)

**Communicants Class**  
(Main Level | Small Parlor)

**Youth** (Ages 12-18)  
(Upstairs | Youth Lounge)

**College & Career** (Young Adult)  
(Main Level | Church Parlor)

**Adult Class** (Main Level | Class Room 0)

*Evening worship sermon series beginning September 12 at 6:00 p.m.*

**ETERNAL GRACE:  
THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE  
ROMANS**

*God's plan for the total salvation of His people.*