

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | NOVEMBER 21, 2021 | 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 Psalm of Praise No. 12....."Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim" (Psalm 135)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithWestminster Shorter Catechism No. 36

Q. What are the benefits that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification in this life?

A. *The benefits that accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification in this life are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance in it to the end.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess their Sins ~

The Call to ConfessionPsalm 24:3-5

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The Confession of Sin

God our Father, we come to You humbly confessing our sins. Remember not the offenses of Your people; do not deal with us as our sins deserve, nor reward us according to our wickedness. For we confess to You our hardness of heart, our love of ease, our failure to do what is good, our worldly pride, our boasting in self, and our hypocrisies as a people.

We confess also our covetousness, our love of money, our selfishness, our hatred, and the ruthless competition which sometimes defines our relationships. Forgive us for living to ourselves alone, and for putting our trust in our own strength, when our trust should rest in You alone.

Be merciful to us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son; and grant us a true and vibrant faith in Him, so that we may hallow Your name, and so that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

The Assurance of PardonPsalm 103:8–12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 111 .."O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise"

1. ¹O give the LORD whole - heart - ed praise. To him thanks -
2. ²His saints de - light to search and trace his might - y
3. God's won - drous deeds of faith - ful - ness his peo - ple
4. ⁵God's prom - ise shall for - ev - er stand; he cares for
5. ⁷His works are true and just in - deed; his pre - cepts

giv - ing I will bring; with all his peo - ple
 works and won - drous ways. ³Ma - jes - tic glo - ry,
 • ev - er keep in mind. ⁴His works of love and
 those who trust his word. ⁶Up - on his saints his
 are for - ev - er sure. ⁸In truth and righ - teous -

I will raise my voice and of his glo - ry sing.
 bound - less grace, and righ - teous - ness his work dis - plays.
 • gra - cious - ness re - veal that God the LORD is kind.
 might - y hand the wealth of na - tions has con - ferred.
 ness de - creed, they shall for - ev - er - more en - dure.

6. ⁹From God his saints' redemption came;
 his cov'nant sure no change can know.
 Let all revere his holy name
 in heav'n above and earth below.

7. ¹⁰In rev'ence and in godly fear
 man finds the gate to wisdom's ways;
 the wise his holy name revere.
 Through endless ages sound his praise!

The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 96:8-9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

The Great Prayer.....Ryan Biese

*The Psalm No. 87....."Zion, Founded On the Mountains"

1. ¹Zi - on, found - ed on the moun - tains, ²God, your build - er,
 2. ⁴I will name as those who know me E - gypt, Tyre, and
 3. ⁶When the LORD shall count the na - tions, sons and daugh - ters

loves you well; ³glo - rious things of you are spo - ken,
 Bab - y - lon; ⁵they will say of Cush and Ra - hab,
 he shall see, born to end - less life in Zi - on,

he de - lights in you to dwell; God's own cit - y, God's own cit - y,
 "This one was in Zi - on born." God Al - might - y, God Al - might - y,
⁷and their joy - ful song shall be: "Bless - ed Zi - on, bless - ed Zi - on,

God's own cit - y, who can all your glo - ry tell?
 God Al - might - y shall es - tab - lish Zi - on strong.
 bless - ed Zi - on, all our foun - tains are in thee."

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**: What is the author’s purpose, how does that shape his Gospel?

II. **Main Argument**

A. Behold the Lamb (v. 29)

1. The Next Day: Why must we guard against these words being too familiar?

2. The Lamb of God

a. In what sense does John explain the “principle office” of Christ?

b. Why the *lamb*?

3. Sin of the World

a. How did the Jews expect the Messiah to remove sin?

b. Sin or Sins?

c. In what sense is *the world* used here?

4. Historicity: Why do some cast doubt on the reliability of this episode, and why is that a silly thing to do?

5. Application

a. *Christ Came Contrary to Popular Expectation*

b. *Growing Understanding of Christ*

c. *The Peculiar Work of Christ*

B. The Purpose of John (vv. 30-31)

1. Supremacy (v. 30)

2. Baptism (v. 31):
 - a. Why was John baptizing?

b. **Application**: *How is the focus on the ritual unhelpful?*

C. The Revelation to John (vv. 32-33)

1. Knowledge (vv. 31a, 33a): What did John mean by his ignorance?

2. Spirit Descends (v. 32)
 - a. What did John see?

b. What is the significance of the Spirit remaining on Jesus?

3. Spiritual Baptism (v. 33b)
 - a. What does John's Gospel not record? Why?

 - b. What does water baptism recognize and signify?

 - c. How does Christ's baptism offer assurance to Christians?

 - d. **Application**: What is baptism in the Holy Spirit?

D. The Chosen of God

1. Witness: What does John continue to do?

2. The Son of God

a. Chosen or Elect of God vs. Son of God?

b. How does John show Jesus alone is powerful to save?

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 305....."Arise, My Soul, Arise"

~ God Blesses His People ~

The Benediction

*The Response....."The 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.*

NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Oct. Expenses: | \$12,588.31 | Oct. Budget: \$23,196.88 |
| Oct. Income: | \$19,206.19 | |
| Oct. Net Income: | \$6,617.88 | |
| 2021 Expenses: | \$192,038.76 | YTD Budget: \$231,968.80 |
| 2021 Income: | \$221,240.07 | |
| 2021 Net Income: | \$29,201.31 | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The back two rows of the middle section are reserved for people wearing masks (covering mouth and nose) for the entirety of the worship service while seated or standing there. The service is also live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing greater masking and distancing protocols.

- + Sunday school will not meet next Lord's Day in light of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- + Please notify the church office (office@fpfo.org) if you are planning to attend the Thanksgiving Supper.
- + Session's report on the National Partnership and the PCA is available on the table in the foyer. In it you will see why the Session believes we should strengthen our involvement in the PCA and be encouraged about the future of the PCA.

An Evening of Fellowship, Thanksgiving, and Praise

Tuesday, Nov. 23 Supper @ 5:45 | Thanks & Praise 6:30

In this busy week at the start of a busy season of the year, let us pause together as a congregation and unite to reflect on God's goodness to us as we express our gratitude to God with one another.

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + To subscribe to the prayer list, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

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)

*Livestream available at www.fpfo.org/live

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

Nursery Nov 21: Beth Rowan

Nursery Nov. 28: Emma Wilson