

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship

The Lord's Day | March 21, 2020 | 6 o'clock

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. 149.....“O Praise Ye the Lord” (p. 3)

*THE INVOCATION

THE HYMN SING

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION“Abide with Me” (p. 6)

THE SCRIPTURE READING:Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

THE SERMON“The Failure (or Folly?) of Wisdom”

A. Solomon's Unhappy Task (vv. 12-13)

B. Human Problem (vv. 14-15)

C. Allure of Wisdom (v. 16)

D. Emptiness of Wisdom (vv. 17-18)

*THE PSALM OF APPROACH NO. 116“What Shall I Render to My God” (p. 7)

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHHeidelberg Catechism No. 81

Q. Who are to come unto the table of the Lord?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves for their sins, yet trust that these are forgiven them, and that their remaining infirmity is covered by the passion and death of Christ; who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life. But the impenitent and hypocrites eat and drink judgment to themselves.

THE INVITATION TO CHRIST’S TABLE

THE LAW OF GOD

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:35-40)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful.

We are prone to fall away from you, slow to do good, and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disturbing our minds, and keeping out holy thoughts.

We have burdened ourselves with cares you have commanded us to cast upon you.

We have failed in our duties to one another and have provoked one another to foolishness, sin, and anger more than 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 now 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 ASSURANCE OF PARDONRomans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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 HYMN OF THANKSGIVING“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” (page 8)

*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!

1. O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song,
2. With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
3. In glo - ry ex - ult, ye saints of the Lord;
4. For this is his word: his saints shall not fail,

a - mid all his saints his prais - es pro - long.
with glad - ness and mirth, sing praise to his name;
with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord.
but o - ver the earth their pow'r shall pre - vail.

The praise of their Mak - er his peo - ple shall sing,
for God in his peo - ple his plea - sure doth seek,
Go forth in his ser - vice and strong in his might
All king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

and chil - dren of Zi - on re - joice in their King.
with robes of sal - va - tion he cloth - eth the meek.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
To God give the glo - ry and praise him for aye.

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 • what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 • Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 • Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

What Shall I Render to My God

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How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? Ps. 116:12



1. What shall I ren - der to my God for all his kind - ness shown?
2. How much is mer - cy thy de - light, thou ev - er - bless - ed God!
3. How hap - py all thy ser - vants are! How great thy grace to me!
4. Now I am thine, for - ev - er thine, nor shall my pur - pose move;
5. Here in thy courts I leave my vow, and thy rich grace re - cord;



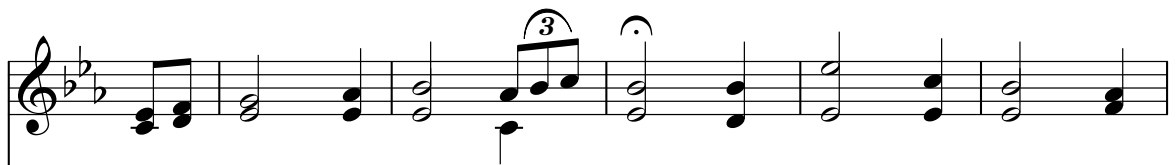
My feet shall vis - it thine a - bode, my songs ad - dress thy throne.
How dear thy ser - vants in thy sight! How pre - cious is their blood!
• My life, which thou hast made thy care, Lord, I de - vote to thee.
thy hand hath loosed my bonds of pain, and bound me with thy love.
wit - ness, ye saints who hear me now, if I for - sake the Lord.



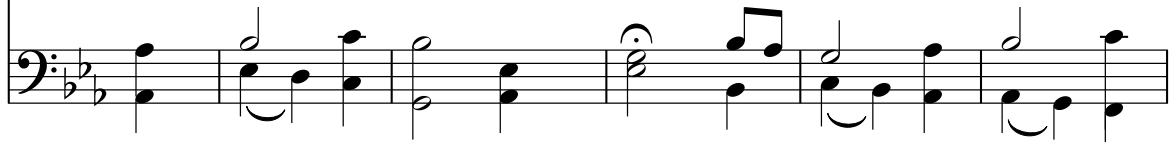
How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place



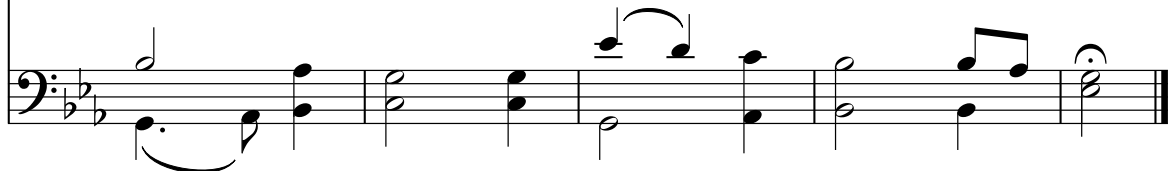
1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast



- with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -



- love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.



5. Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.