

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Psalm of Praise No. 598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism No. 60

Q60. How are you righteous before God?

A60. *Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.*

The Call to Confession Psalm 32:3-5

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. 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.

The Confession of Sin

O Merciful God, we humble ourselves before Your Holy Majesty. We acknowledge that we have frequently and grievously sinned.

We are unclean before You, O God, and deserving of death. We all, like sheep, have gone astray. Be pleased to have compassion on us, our gracious God. Wash us in the pure fountain of Christ's blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow.

Cover us with His righteousness and make us well pleasing in Your sight to the glory of Your Holy Name.

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

William Williams, 1745
 St. 1 tr. by Peter Williams, 1771
 St. 2-3 tr. by William Williams, 1772

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.rep.
 John Hughes, 1907

As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised

*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14, 15*

1. As when the He - brew proph - et raised the bra - zen ser - pent high,
2. So from the Sav - ior on the cross a heal - ing vir - tue flows;
3. For God gave up his Son to death, so gen - 'rous was his love,
4. Not to con - demn the sons of men the Son of God ap - peared;
5. He came to raise our fall - en state, and our lost hopes re - store;

the wound - ed looked and straight were cured, the peo - ple ceased to die:
who looks to him with live - ly faith is saved from end - less woes.
• that all the faith - ful might en - joy e - ter - nal life a - bove.
no weap - ons in his hand are seen, nor voice of ter - ror heard:
faith leads us to the mer - cy seat, and bids us fear no more.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonIsaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 506...."As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised"

The Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Offertory

The Great Prayer

*The Psalm No. 36....."Your Love, LORD, Reaches up to Heav'n



5. ⁵ Your love, LORD, reach-es up to heav'n, Your faith-ful-ness the skies.
6. ⁸ From all the boun-ty of Your house, They feast till sat-is-fied;
7. ¹⁰ To all those who ac-knowl-edge You, Your love for-ev-er show;



⁶ Your jus-tice is like moun-tains great, Like depths Your judg-ments wise.
From riv-ers full of Your de-lights, You will their drink pro-vide.
On those who up-right are in heart, Your righ-teous-ness be-stow.



LORD, You pre-serve both man and beast,⁷ How pre-cious, God, Your grace!
⁹ Be - cause the flow-ing spring of life Is sure - ly found with You;
¹¹ By proud feet let me not be crushed, Nor led by e - vil hand

Be - neath the shad-ow of Your wings, Man - kind their trust will place.
 And in that shin-ing light of Yours, We have the light in view.
¹² To where the e - vil - do - ers fell; Thrust down, they can - not stand.

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese
 "The Light and the Blind" | John 8:12-20 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 39 | p. 840

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction:**

II. **Main Argument**

A. Light of the World (v. 12)

1. **Conclusion of the Feast**

a. How did the feast recall God's presence with His people?

b. What two aspects of the feast does Jesus declare He fulfills?

2. **Light in the Scripture**

a. How is light related to God?

b. What does Jesus not say about Himself?

B. Legal Objection (vv. 13-15)

1. The Credence They Give to Him: why do they not immediately dismiss Jesus' claims?

a. What do they demand from Jesus?

b. **Application: *Even the enemies of Jesus are forced to deal with His words.***

2. Turn His Words Against Him (v. 13)

a. Why do the religious leaders engage in debate with Him?

b. What had Jesus said about His witness previously?

3. Jesus' Qualifications (v. 14)

a. How does the Saviour show patience?

b. What two points does Jesus make about His testimony?

4. Pharisee Judgment (v. 15): Why are they incompetent to judge?

a. How can it be true that Jesus does not judge?

b. What is the difficulty with this statement?

C. Lawful Testimony (vv. 16-18)

1. Righteous Judgment (v. 16)

a. What is the basis of a judgment Jesus renders?

b. **Application: *Just judgment is certainly coming.***

2. Two Witnesses (vv. 17-18)

a. How is Jesus making an argument here?

b. How does Jesus exceed the Law's requirement here?

D. Lame Hostility (vv. 19-20)

1. Father Unknown (v. 19)

a. How is this ironic?

b. How does this demonstrate their ignorance?

c. **Application: *To know God, you must know Him in Christ.***

2. Impotent Enemies (v 20): What is the significance of Jesus' location?

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. TH38 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 "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.*

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Youth & Adult Sunday School Options:

**GOOD &
ANGRY**

Is that possible?

Join a discussion with Elder Wil Davis in the Adult Sunday School class.

Fall Quarter Adult Sunday School
Beginning September 4th

Rebels Rescued

How does God take sinful people and make them able to seek Him?

Join a discussion with Joe Wilson in the Youth Sunday School class.
~ Beginning September 4th ~

SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

August Income: \$14,221.83
August Expenses: \$34,323.95
August Net: (\$20,102.12)

Monthly Budget: \$23,816
2022 Budget: \$285,793

2022 Income: \$194,257.14
2022 Expenses: \$185,793.92
2022 Net Income: \$8,463.22

Women's Activities & Events

MONTHLY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GAG NIGHT: "Girls & Gab"

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 @ 7 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

PLEASE CONTACT DIANA JOHNSON FOR MORE DETAILS.

Ladies Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Young Ladies Study

Wednesdays at 6:50 p.m. | Church Library
The Gospel of John

Women in the Church

Women's Planning Council | October 5 | 6:50 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER II, 2022

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship next Lord's Day.
- + This month we are collecting toys for for Operation Christmas Child: consider items like small stuffed animals, deflated soccer balls and pumps, sewing kits, bracelets and necklaces, fishing hooks, lines, and weights, harmonicas and recorder instruments, small nerf balls, cards, jump ropes, small Lego kits.
- + The Session is looking for a volunteer to serve as Sunday School Superintendent who is willing to help oversee the scheduling and staffing of Sunday school classes at FPFO. If interested, please contact Nathan Bowers, Clerk of Session.
- + A ladies Bible study on Philippians will begin soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Hannah Rowan or Susan Wilson about time and location preferences.
- + Next year is the 40th Anniversary of FPFO in this location. Session created a committee to commemorate and give thanks for this milestone. If you are interested in serving on the "40th Anniversary Committee" please talk with Elder David Bosshardt.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + 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 plates, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://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
WAAC 94.7 FM
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
(excluding First Sundays)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting
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.

Sept. 11: B. Rowan & A. Wilson

Sept. 18: H. Rowan & A. Bowers