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 FaithThe 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

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.

Christ was obedient for me if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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



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



Isaac Watts, 1709 Scottish Paraphrases, 1781 DOWNS C.M. Lowell Mason, 1832

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 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"

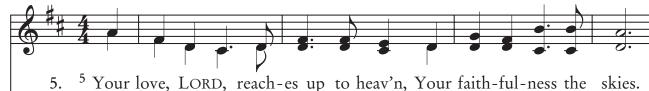
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we

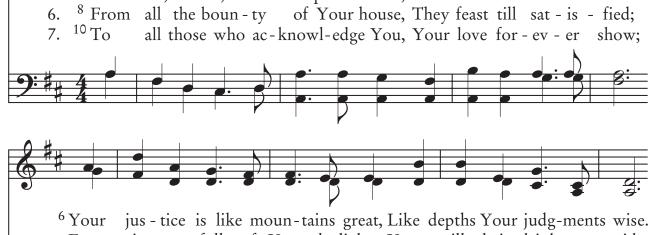
might become the righteousness of God.

The Offertory

The Great Prayer

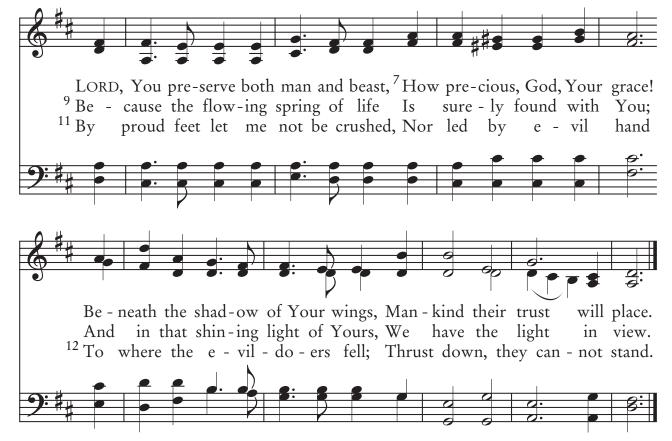
*The Psalm No. 36....."Your Love, LORD, Reaches up to Heav'n





From riv - ers full of Your de-lights, You will their drink pro - vide. those who up-right are in heart, Your righ-teous-ness be - stow.





The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

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

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction k of Psalms for Worship. Copyright 2010, Crown and Covenant Publications. Used by permission.

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. <u>Application</u>: 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)

b. Application: Just judgment is certainly coming.

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

- 2. <u>Two Witnesses (vv. 17-18)</u>

- 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"

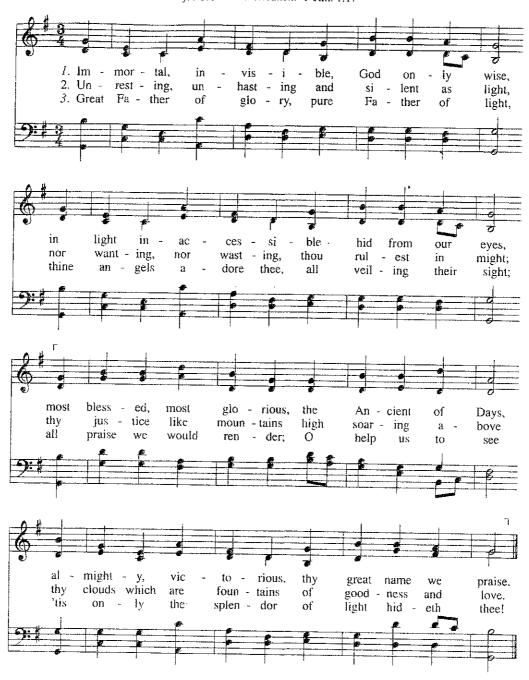
~ God Blesses His People ~

- *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.

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



Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11. Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Youth & Adult Sunday School Options:



Is that possible?

Join a discussion with Elder Wil Davis in the Adult sunday school class.

Fall Quarter Adult Sunday School Beginning September 4th



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 Monthly Budget: \$23,816 August Expenses: \$34,323.95 2022 Budget: \$285,793

August Net: (\$20,102.12)

 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.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule The Lord's Day Wednesday				
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting			
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper			

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10:45 a m. Morning Worship	6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast

6:30-7:30 p.m. KidsQuest (children) **WAAK 94.7 FM** 6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies

The Kings of Israel (adults) 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship (excluding First Sundays) 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