

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 5, 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

~ We Respond to God's Call to Worship ~

*The Hymn of Praise No. 203.....“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithWestminster Shorter Catechism No. 33

Q. What is Justification?

A. *Justification is an act of God's free grace, in which He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

The Call to ConfessionIsaiah 55:6–8

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we rejoice in your mercy; it is higher than the heaven, deeper than the sea, wider than our wanderings, greater than all our sin.

Please forgive our careless attitude toward your sovereign design for us, our complaining when in trial, our envy of the perceived well-being of others, our obsession with pleasing ourselves, our indifference to the needs of others, our neglect of your commands. Help us to repent of these transgressions and seek you with all our heart, so that we might walk in your ways, until you call us home through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 8:28-30

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 551 "How Blest Is He" (Psalm 32)**

The Encouragement to GivePsalm 24:1-2

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

The Great Prayer

***The Hymn "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**



1. Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,
2. Lord, as you have lived for oth - ers, So may we for oth - ers live;
*3. Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
4. See the Christ-like host ad - vanc - ing, High and low - ly, great and small,



Son of Man, whose birth in - car - nate Hal - lows all our hu - man race;
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed, Free - ly may your serv - ants give.
Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Linked in bonds of com - mon serv - ice For the com - mon Lord of all.



You, our Head, who, throned in glo - ry, For your own do ev - er plead,
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea,
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent hours of pain,
 As you prayed and as you la - bored That your peo - ple should be one,

Fill us with your love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 We, the stew - ards of your boun - ty, Faith - ful to our trust should be.
 Quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, Shame our self - ish greed of gain.
 Grant, O grant our hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth your will be done.

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“The Disciples” (2) | John 1:43-51 | Page 834

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction:** How does John structure the opening of Christ’s public ministry and why does he do it that way?

A. **Disciples:** How does John’s account of the calling of the first disciples differ from the other Gospel accounts of the calling of the apostles?

B. **Purpose:** How does John advance his purpose in the First Chapter?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Philip (v. 43-44)**

1. Gone to Galilee (v. 43): Who goes to Galilee; what is the significance?

2. Follow (v. 43): How is Philip's interaction with Jesus unique?

3. Bethsaida: What did Jesus have to say about Bethsaida later?

4. **Recapitulation & Application**: The Lord shows again how high His ways are above our ways as He calls Philip to Himself.
 - a. **Different Sorts**:

 - b. **Obedience**:

 - c. **Remnant**:

B. Nathanael (vv. 45-46)

1. Witness (v. 45): What pattern does Philip follow?
 - a. Introducing Christ: What does Philip say about the Lord?

 - b. How is his statement different from that of Andrew?

 - c. **Application: *Jesus fulfills the Old Testament***

 - d. What is ironic about the way Philip introduces Jesus?

2. Prejudice (v. 46)
 - a. What does Nathanael's name mean and why do people suggest this is not an historical event but a summary of multiple encounters?

 - b. Why are they probably wrong?

 - c. What is hindering Nathanael from coming to Jesus?

d. **Application: Beware Prejudice**

1) Why are secular, Marxist philosophies such as Critical Race Theory unhelpful and unnecessary for Christians?

2) How does Satan use worldly suspicion?

3. **Truth** (v. 46): How does Philip address Nathanael's prejudice?

4. **Application**

a. ***True but Inaccurate?***

b. ***Disciples make Disciples***

c. ***Test the Truth***

C. **Jesus (vv. 47-51)**

1. **Knowledge** (vv. 47-48): How does Jesus greet Nathanael?

a. How does Nathanael's reply indicate Jesus spoke accurately?

b. What's with the fig tree?

c. **Application: *When we are not thinking of Christ, He still sees us***

2. **Identity** (v. 49)

a. Rabbi

b. Son of God

c. King of Israel

3. Access (vv. 50-51)

a. Firm Foundation: What is the significance of “I tell you the truth”

b. Son of Man

III. Conclusion

~ God’s People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 170.....“Fairest Lord Jesus”

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God’s People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Hymn of Praise No. 194“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

~ God Blesses His People ~

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733“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!

Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons & Carols

Friday, Dec. 24 @ 4:00 p.m.

We reflect again together on the faithfulness of God in sending His Son to save His people from their sins and we respond in grateful praise.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

- 5.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper & Fellowship Lunch; no Evening Worship
- 7.....GAG Night Women's Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 8.....Midweek Activities on Normal Schedule
- 12.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning & Evening Worship
- 15.....Midweek Activities on Normal Schedule
- 19.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning & Lord's Supper in Evening Worship
- 22.....NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES
- 24.....Christmas Eve Service 4:00 p.m.
- 26.....NO Sunday school; Morning & Evening Worship on Normal Schedule
- 29.....NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

- 2.....NO Sunday school; Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper & Fellowship Lunch; no Evening Worship
- 5.....NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES
- 9.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning & Evening Worship return to normal
- 12.....Midweek Activities return to normal schedule

THE LORD'S TABLE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Table is open to baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who are faithful and active members in good standing of a Protestant church in which the gospel of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone is proclaimed. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal in which Christ is present to the faith of believers and spiritually nourishes the faith of believers.

In this meal, Christ – through His officers – serves His people who have come to Him in repentance and faith and who, by grace, are living lives of new obedience. The supper testifies that Christ welcomes sinners, serves sinners, and gave His body to be broken and blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

*Christ ordained His supper with bread and wine. As such, **red wine** is offered. For those who for health reasons cannot consume alcohol, **white grape juice** is also available. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an elder.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 5, 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.

+ After worship this Lord's Day morning, please stay for a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Evening worship will resume next Lord's Day, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

FPFO College & Young Adult Ugly Sweater Soiree Friday, Dec. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

+ Following Lunch, all are invited to remain in the fellowship hall to sing hymns and carols together especially those hymns customarily sung at this time of year.

+ Nominations for men to serve in the office of Ruling Elder will be opened during the month of January. Please be praying the Lord will raise up additional men to serve on the Session and for Him to reveal to us clearly those whom He has called.

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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.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
(except 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 Dec. 5: Mary Lou Wilson

Nursery Dec. 12: Rachel Wilson