

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | WORSHIP IN WORD & SACRAMENT

August 21, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. 118.....“O Thank the LORD” (pages 6-7)

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and His kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*catholic means *general* or *universal*; that is to say, we confess that the Church is more than First Presbyterian Church or the PCA.

THE LAW OF GOD Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, the great and awesome God, You are righteous, but today we are covered with shame, because we have sinned against You. Though You are merciful and forgiving, we have turned away from You, we have rebelled against You, and have refused to obey Your good and perfect commands.

O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and who made a name for Yourself that endures to this day, let not Your anger fall upon us. Turn to us and hear our prayer and forgive us, showing us Your grace and mercy. For Your sake, O God, do not delay, because Your Church and Your people bear Your Name.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 25.....“God is Known” (page 3)

4. ⁸ The LORD is good and just; The way He'll sin - ners show.
5. ¹¹ My sin - ful - ness is great, And great, O LORD, my blame;
6. ¹⁴ Close friend - ship with the LORD Will all who fear Him know;

⁹ He guides the meek in what is just, That they His path will know.
O par - don my in - iq - ui - ty, To glo - ri - fy Your name.
The knowl - edge of His cov - e - nant He un - to them will show.

¹⁰ To those who keep His word, His cov - e - nant o - bey,
¹² To him who fears the LORD The path to choose is shown.
¹⁵ My eyes up - on the LORD Con - tin - ual - ly are set;

The lov - ing - kind - ness of the LORD And truth will be their way.
¹³ His soul will have pros - per - i - ty; The land his seed will own.
For He it is that shall bring forth My feet out of the net.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRomans 8:28

THE SERMON“Certainty”

A. Who

1. Common Aphorism: How is this truth echoed in both Pagan spirituality and the Hebrew Scriptures? How is this axiom unique?
2. Uncommon Description
 - a. How is the way Paul refers to God’s people unusual?
 - b. Application: *Love for God is the sum of all religious devotion.*
 - c. Application: *Love for God is a response to His grace*

B. What

1. All Things Generally: What is excluded here?
2. In Particular: What is especially in view?
3. What Do They Do?
 - a. What sort of good?
 - b. Application: *All things work for the good of those who love God.*

C. How

1. Impossibility: Of what can Christians be absolutely convinced?
2. Examples
 - a. Suffering
 - b. Sin
 - c. Sickness

d. Spiritual Hardship

3. **Application:** *All the troubles of their lives are spiritual helps to the salvation of God's people.*

D. Why

1. The Calling of God: Since these sufferings are not the basis of our salvation, what is?
2. Pleasure of God: Why does God save?

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 108.....“Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

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 PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations!” (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!

Psalm 118A

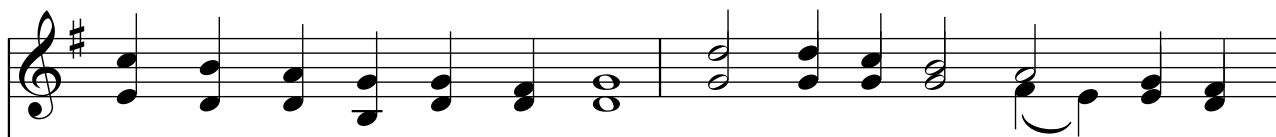
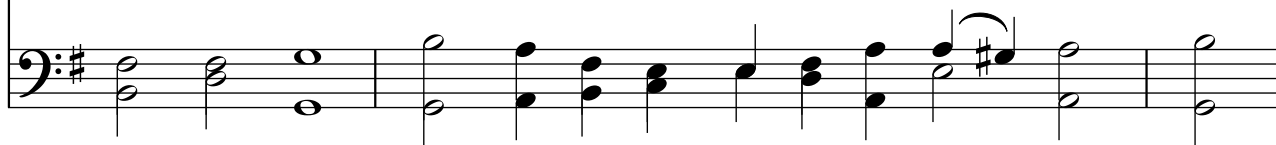
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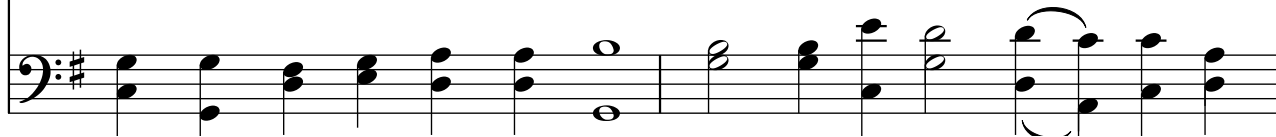
1. ¹O thank the LORD for all his good - ness: his love en - dures for -
2. ⁵I sought the LORD in my af - flic - tion; he an - swered me and
3. ⁸Far bet - ter is the LORD for ref - uge— bet - ter than put - ting
4. ¹²Tho' na - tions swarmed like bees a - round me, quick - ly, like thorns a -



ev - er - more! ²Let Is - r'el say in joy - ful cho - rus: "His
set me free. ⁶The LORD is on my side; I fear not— what
trust in men. ⁹Far bet - ter is the LORD for ref - uge— bet -
flame, they died. For in the LORD's name I de - stroyed them; ¹³when



love en - dures for - ev - er - more!" ³O house of Aa - ron, join your
harm can man do un - to me? ⁷The LORD is on my side to
ter than trust - ing in a prince. ¹⁰On ev - 'ry side the na - tions
I was crushed the LORD gave aid. ¹⁴He has be - come my great sal -



voic - es: "His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!" ⁴Let all who
 help me; the LORD, my help - er, will a - vail. I look up -
 hound - ed, but in God's name I cut them off. ¹¹On ev - 'ry
 va - tion, my strength, my song; the LORD we bless. ¹⁵Glad songs of

fear the LORD de - clare it: "His love en - dures for - ev - er - more!"
 on my foes in tri - umph; those hat - ing me will not pre - vail.
 side I was sur - round - ed, but in the LORD I cut them off.
 vic - t'ry and sal - va - tion dwell in the tents of righ - teous - ness.

7. ²²The stone the builders had rejected
 now has become the cornerstone.
²³How marvelous to us this wonder;
 this is the work of God alone!
²⁴This is the day, the LORD has made it!
 Be glad in it, rejoice, and bless.
²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! Hosanna!
 O LORD, we pray, give us success.

8. ²⁶Blest he who in the LORD's name enters
 we bless you from his holy house.
²⁷The LORD is God; he shines upon us.
 Bind up with cords your sacrifice.
 Bring to the altar's horns your off'ring.
²⁸You are my God whom I adore.
²⁹O thank the LORD for all his goodness,
 his love endures forevermore.

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!