

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | May 9, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE SESSION

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

***The Psalm of Praise No. 95 "Come to the LORD"**

1. ¹ Come to the LORD, and sing for joy; Let
 2. ² In - to His pres - ence let us come With
 3. ³ The LORD's a might - y God and King; A -
 4. ⁵ To Him the spa - cious sea be - longs, Made

us our voic - es raise. In joy - ful shouts, let
 praise and thank - ful voice. Let us then sing to
 above all gods He is. ⁴ The depths of earth are
 by His own com - mand; And by the work - ing

us the Rock Of our sal - va - tion praise.
 Him with psalms; With shouts let us re - joice.
 in His hand; The moun - tain peaks are His.
 of His hands He formed the earth's dry land.

5. ⁶ O come and let us worship Him;
 Let us with one accord
 In presence of our Maker kneel,
 And bow before the LORD;
6. ⁷ Because He truly is our God,
 And we His chosen sheep,
 The people of His pasture land,
 Whom His own hand will keep.

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithHeidelberg Catechism Nos. 33-34

Q33. Why is the Lord Jesus Christ called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

A33. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace for the sake of Christ.

Q34. Why do you call Him "our Lord"?

A34. Because— not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has delivered and purchased us body and soul from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, to be his very own.

The Call to ConfessionDeuteronomy 6:24–25

And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.

The Confession of Sin

O gracious and gentle God who has welcomed us into your household having made peace with us by the blood of Christ on the cross: you are the God of peace, the Father of mercy, and the God of all comfort.

Yet we must confess before you the evil of our hearts; we confess we have sinned before you by what we have done and what we have left undone.

We have not kept your commandments or your statutes. We confess we have often offended you, our loving and generous Father by our sins.

We confess our hearts still tend too much toward anger and jealousy rather than contentment and joy in Christ. We confess we are too comfortable with our selfish ambition and pride. O spare us from bitterness and suspicion in our heart and show us your abundant mercy.

Please forgive us our sins and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised to all who seek your grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

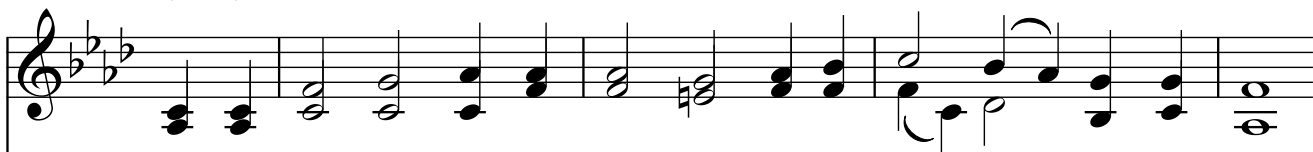
The Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

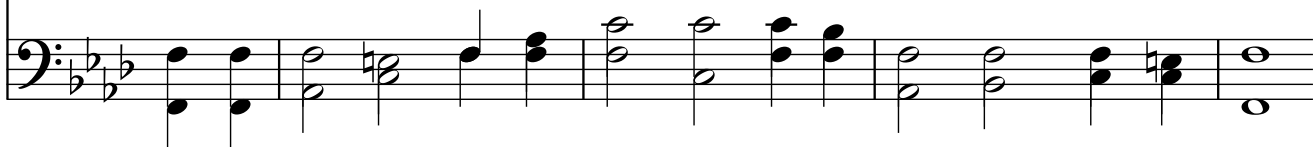
***The Hymn of Thanksgiving....."Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched"**



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, bruised and bro - ken by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y joined with pow'r:
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh,
if you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all:
all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him;



he is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is a - ble,
 with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey,
 not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous—
 this he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;

he is will - ing; doubt no more; he is will - ing; doubt no more.
 come to Je - sus Christ and buy; come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 sin - ners Je - sus came to call; sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam; 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.

5. Lo! Th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
 venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
 none but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus
 can do helpless sinners good, can do helpless sinners good.

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The Encouragement to GiveMatthew 6:19–21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us via this [link](#) or the QR code below. You can also call (706.866.2521) or email (office@fpfo.org) the church office.

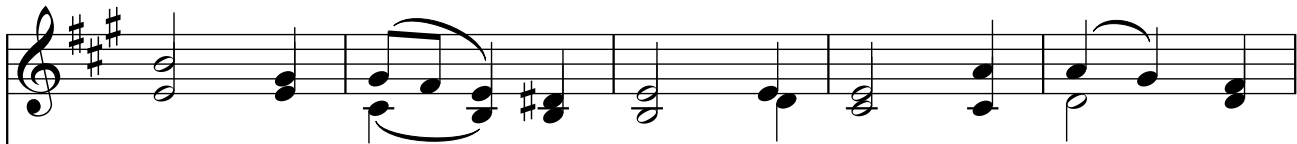
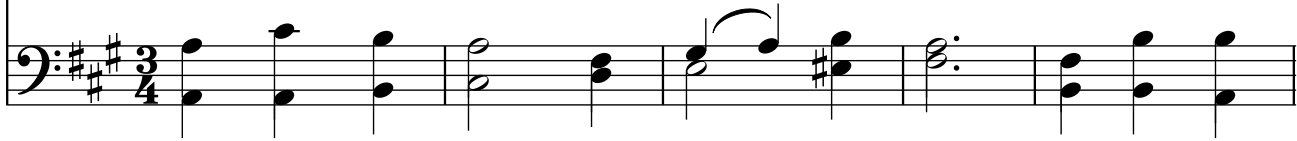


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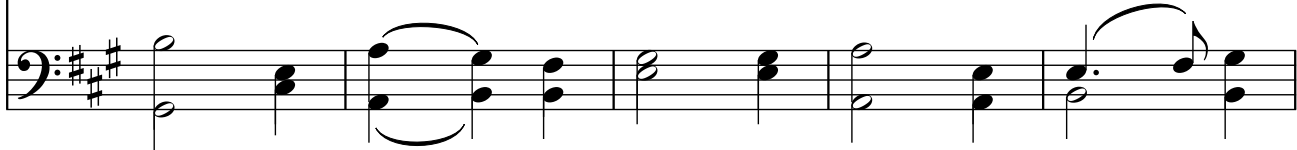
*The Psalm No. 111....."O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise"



1. ¹O give the LORD whole - heart - ed praise. To him thanks -
2. ²His saints de - light to search and trace his might - y
3. God's won - drous deeds of faith - ful - ness his peo - ple
4. ⁵God's prom - ise shall for - ev - er stand; he cares for
5. ⁷His works are true and just in - deed; his pre - cepts



giving I will bring; with all his peo - ple
works and won - drous ways. ³Ma - jes - tic glo - ry,
• ev - er keep in mind. ⁴His works of love and
those who trust his word. ⁶Up - on his saints his
are for - ev - er sure. ⁸In truth and righ - teous -





I will raise my voice and of his glo - ry sing.
 bound - less grace, and righ - teous - ness his work dis - plays.
 • gra - cious - ness re - veal that God the LORD is kind.
 might - y hand the wealth of na - tions has con - ferred.
 ness de - creed, they shall for - ev - er - more en - dure.

6. ⁹From God his saints' redemption came;
 his cov'nant sure no change can know.
 Let all revere his holy name
 in heav'n above and earth below.

7. ¹⁰In rev'rence and in godly fear
 man finds the gate to wisdom's ways;
 the wise his holy name revere.
 Through endless ages sound his praise!

The SermonRev. Ryan Biese

“What (Who!) is Worship About?” | Exodus 25:1-8

I. Introduction:

A. Why is “what is worship about” the wrong question?

B. What are the “Three Marks of the Church” according to the Westminster Confession of Faith?

II. Main Argument

A. Divine Worship (vv. 1-7)

1. Busy on the Mountain (vv. 1-2): what is Moses doing during his 40 days on Sinai?

2. The collection (vv. 1-2)

a. What is the significance of the collection for the tabernacle being voluntary?

1) **Application:** should we still worship God even if we don't feel like it? Even if our heart isn't "in the mood"?

2) **Application:** why does God command His people to make the tabernacle rather than provide it for them ready-made?

3) **Application:** what does one's giving to the local church indicate about one's spiritual health?

b. Why is the whole covenant community involved in / invited to participate in the collection?

3. Materials Listed (vv. 3-7)

a. How does this list invite all people to contribute regardless of their material wealth?

1) **Application:** in what sense is the worship of God costly to you?

2) **Application:** in what sense does the worship of God cost you nothing?

3) **Application:** how does Israel's situation and "need" of these valuable items remind us to have eternal priorities?

b. How does the tent teach Israel about the nearness (immanence) and greatness (transcendence) of God?

B. Divine Presence (v. 8)

1. Glory on the Mountain

a. What is the promise that keeps recurring in the scripture?

I will be your _____ and you will be My _____.

b. How is that promise brought to greater fullness at Sinai?

2. Community Presence

a. How will God's presence in the midst of His people be displayed with the building of the Tabernacle?

b. What is the main blessing of corporate worship? Can private worship or "watching church on TV" replace corporate worship?

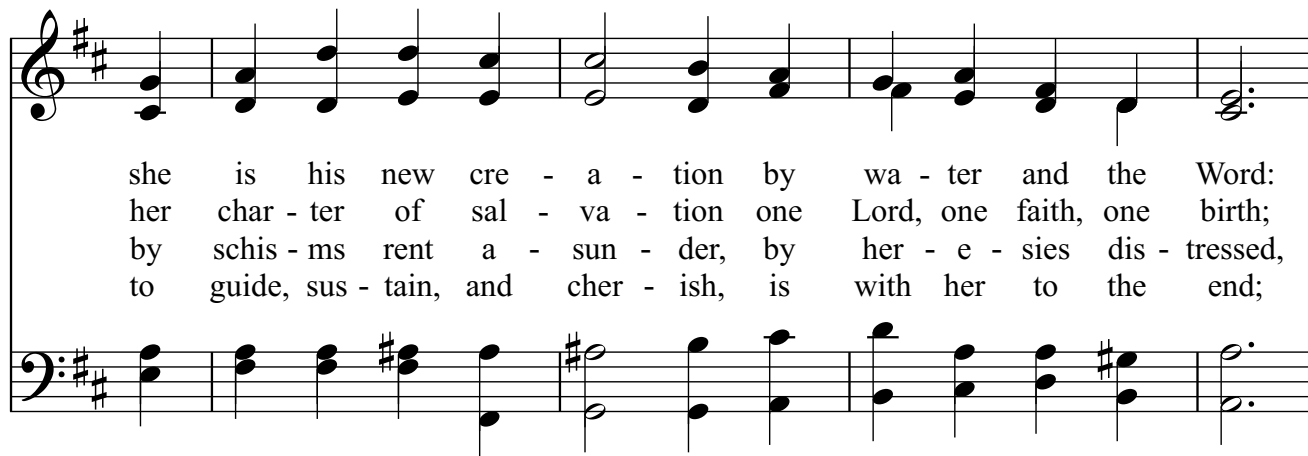
c. Is there harm due to long or regular absence from corporate worship?

III. **Conclusion**: What is the reason we can enjoy God's presence?

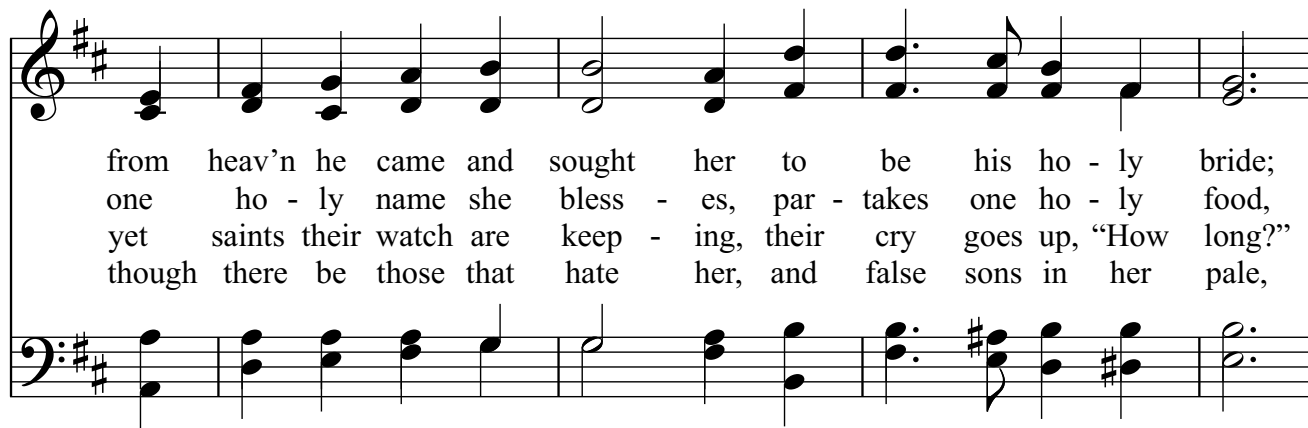
*The Hymn of Commitment.....“The Church’s One Foundation”



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

The Benediction

*The Response....."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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 9, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

Masks are **required** for the 9:15 a.m. Service

The only exceptions are those actively leading a portion of the service and persons ten and under.

Masks are **recommended** for all other activities.

The front left section of the auditorium is reserved during evening worship for those wearing masks and desiring to maintain physical distance from other worshippers.

What About Nursery? Young children are *always* welcome in worship! However, if parents are more comfortable, a nursery is provided downstairs for children three years old and under in the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Nursery May 9: **Mary Lou Wilson** Nursery May 16: **Sarah Wilson**

If you would like to volunteer to serve in the nursery, contact Mary Lou Wilson.

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next Lord's Day. Be preparing your heart to commune with Christ by faith in the coming week.
- + Youth Service and Adventure week is June 7-12. The \$60 registration fee is due by May 30. Please see Sandy Keller or Joe Wilson with any questions.
- + Wednesday night activities are back on the normal schedule (see below). If you missed the *O Church, Arise* simulcast conference, check out the "Gospel Reformation Network" website as they will be posting the videos shortly.

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting **FPFO** to **84576**.
- + If you are not currently receiving the weekly prayer list via email and would like to do so, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:15 a.m. Morning Worship
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*
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Kings of Israel (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)
KidsQuest (young children)

*Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live