FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | September 13, 2020 | 10:45 a.m.

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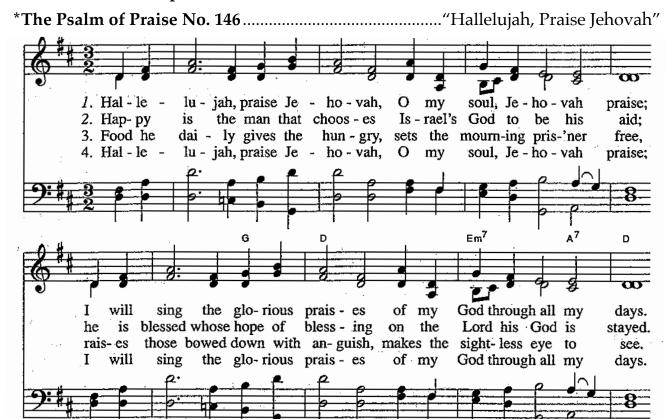
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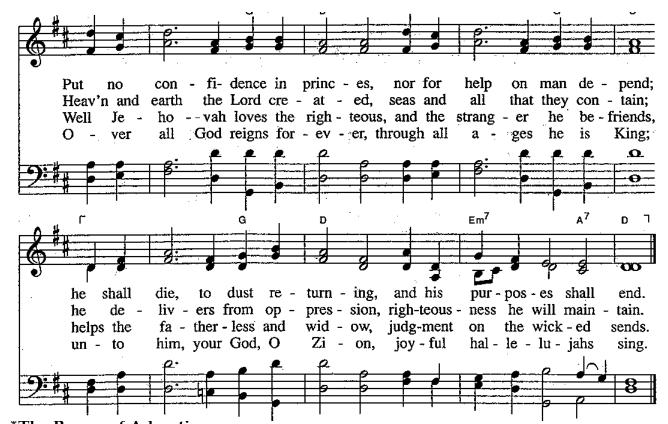
The Prelude

The Announcements

Recognition of High School Graduate: Victoria Lee Ellis

- + Introduction
- + Scripture Reading: Psalm 62:5-8
- + Prayer
- + Benediction
- *The Call to Worship





*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith......Heidelberg Catechism Nos. 86 & 94 Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also renewing us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Q. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, sorcery, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I renounce all created things rather than go against God's will in any way.

*The Confession of Sin

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.

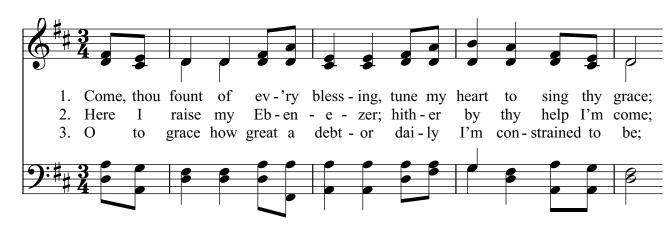
We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

*Silent Confession

to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

*The Hymn of Response....."(Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"





But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Great Prayer





I. <u>Introduction</u>: What is the scope of the Ten Words?

II. Main Argument

A. The Foundation of Ethics (vv. 1-2)

- 1. The First Command:
 - a. Why is the ordering of the Ten Commandments significant?
 - b. What is the foundation of this Law Code?
- 2. Three Reasons to Obey
 - a. He is Yahweh
 - (1) In what sense is God alone independent?
 - (2) <u>Application</u>: why is it a *monstrous* crime to disobey God?
 - b. He is Our God: to what is this phrase alluding?
 - (1) Why is the question of the Sadducees a stupid one?
 - (2) **Application**: Why is it **foolish** to reject God's Law?
 - c. He is Our Redeemer:
 - (1) How is Israel's bondage in Egypt linked to our own sin?
 - (2) <u>Application</u>: Why is it dreadful *ingratitude* to disobey God?
- 3. **Application**: Why does Moses attach some of God's divine titles and works to remind us of who God is?

B. The Fundamental Duty of Man (v. 3)

- 1. Duty: Why does man always worship? Why is it impossible not to?
- 2. Fulfilling Our Duty to God
 - a. Acknowledge Him as God and Lord:

- b. Know what He is Like: Why is it important not to simply acknowledge God? Where do you learn about God properly?
- c. Worship Him: What brings God's wrath on mankind?
- d. Fear Him: Where do we learn the fear of God is a good thing?
 - (1) Why is the fear of God liberating?
- (2) How does the fear of God enable elders to do their work?
- e. Love, Trust, Obey Him

(2) Who alone will not disappoint, why?

(1) Godly fear leads to what?

(3) What enables costly obedience?

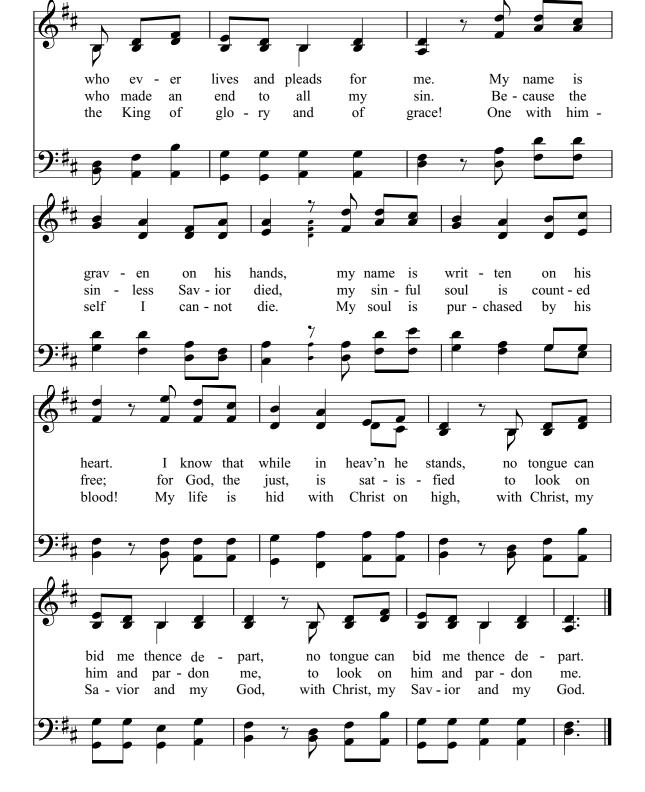
C. Exclusive Right of God (v. 3)

- 1. <u>True Religion</u>: how is this phrased to make clear additional gods are absolutely not an option for any of God's people?
- 2. What is Idolatry and what is so attractive about idolatry?
- 3. Threats to God's Rights: What are some ways we violate God's rights?
 - a. Superstition
 - b. Approval from the World
 - c. Strength, Wisdom, Talent

- d. Nationalism, Patriotism
- e. Religious Activity
- **D. The Worship of Christ**: How has God made it clear we are to worship Him through His Son?

*The Hymn"Before the Throne of God Above"





*The Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Please Note: Masks are required for all persons over age ten. Please wear a mask covering your mouth **and** nose for the duration of the service and while in the building. The only exception to this is musicians and those actively teaching or leading some part of the worship service. Thank you for laying down your rights in order to protect the weak and vulnerable among us so we can enable **united** corporate worship services on Lord's Day mornings and evenings.

- + Evening worship resumes September 13 at 6:00 p.m. and the Lord's Table will be observed as part of the evening worship service on September 20.
- + Thank you for praying for the Navigator's 2:7 study. We are planning to meet together from **7-8PM** on Thursday **September 17** at: https://meet.google.com/tya-rhht-suh This will be an informational logistical meeting.
 - → We will start the **11 week study** on **September 24th** from **7:00-8:30 p.m**. We will start with "Growing Strong in God's Family" which you may wish to order from the <u>Navigators.org</u> or <u>amazon.com</u>
 - ◆ You may want to view a short promotional video via this <u>LINK</u>
 - → Call Elaine or David at 706-861-5672 for other information or to enroll in the group, or just attend the virtual meeting on **September 17**!
- +Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via zoom: <u>LINK</u> + Virtual Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. via this <u>LINK</u>
 - Meeting ID: 788 7368 6273 | Meeting Password: 0bD2Ch
- + Midweek Youth Virtual Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m. <u>LINK</u>
- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting FPFO to 84576
- +Online giving link available on the website: FPFO.org/give