

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

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

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THE SESSION

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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 Psalm of Praise No. 146....."Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

*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 Call to Confession.....**Deuteronomy 6:4-6
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

***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**

***The Assurance of Pardon.....**Romans 6:13-14

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death 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”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are three lines of lyrics, each numbered 1, 2, and 3. The lyrics are: 1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come; 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai-ly I'm con- strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The Encouragement to GiveRomans 6:22-23

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

*The Psalm No. 48....."The LORD is Great and Greatly Praised"

1. ¹The LORD is great and great - ly praised; let
2. ³With - in her cit - a - dels and tow'rs God's
3. ⁶Like wom - en giv - ing birth in pain they
4. ⁹We con - tem - plate your stead - fast love with -
5. ¹²Round Zi - on walk and count her tow'rs; ¹³view

all his prais - es tell with - in the cit - y
pres - ence is re - vealed, for he has shown him -
• trem - bled in dis - may. ⁷You shat - tered them like
in your house, O God; ¹⁰for, like your name, O
ev - 'ry cit - a - del, so child - ren yet un -

of our God, up - on his ho - ly hill.
self to be her for - tress and her shield.
• ships of Tar - shish blown by winds a - way.
God, your praise ex - tends through earth a - broad.
born may hear her sto - ry that you tell:

²Mount Zi - on, in its height so love - ly,
⁴Be - hold the kings as - sem - bled there, to -
 • ⁸As we have heard, so we have seen: God's
 With jus - tice is your right hand filled; ¹¹Mount
¹⁴that this, our God and LORD, is God, for -

joy of all the earth; the great King's cit - y
 geth - er they passed by; ⁵they saw her and were
 • cit - y will en - dure; the LORD of hosts for -
 Zi - on's joy is great. Let Ju - dah's daugh - ters
 ev - er he a - bides; for - ev - er he will

far ex - cels the moun - tains of the north.
 filled with awe, in ter - ror took to flight.
 • ev - er - more his cit - y keeps se - cure.
 now re - joice, your judg - ments cel - e - brate.
 be our God and our e - ter - nal guide.

I. Introduction: 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) **Application**: 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) **Application**: 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
 - (1) Godly fear leads to what?
 - (2) Who alone will not disappoint, why?
 - (3) What enables costly obedience?

C. Exclusive Right of God (v. 3)

1. True Religion: 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”

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

***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 Navigators.org or amazon.com
 - ◆ You may want to view a short promotional video via this [LINK](#)
 - ◆ 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: [LINK](#)
- + Virtual Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. via this [LINK](#)
Meeting ID: 788 7368 6273 | Meeting Password: 0bD2Ch
- + Midweek Youth Virtual Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m. [LINK](#)
- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576
- + Online giving link available on the website: FPFO.org/give