

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | NOVEMBER 20, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

*Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:*



## The Prelude

### \*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 604.....“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

### \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith.....The Heidelberg Catechism Nos. 40-41

Q. Why did Christ have to suffer death?

A. *Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.*

Q. Why was he “buried”?

A. *His burial testifies that he really died.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

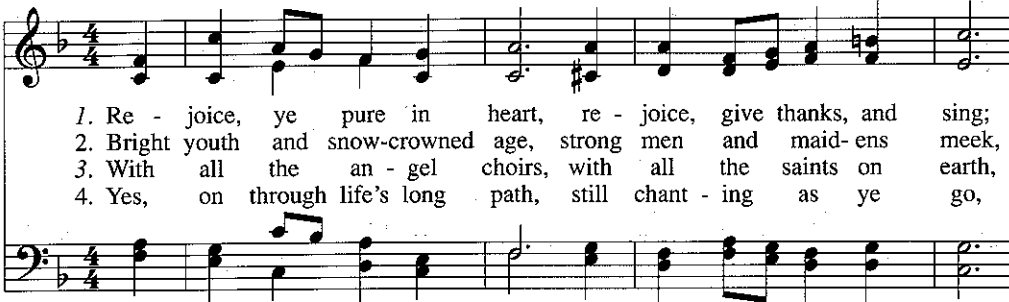
The Law of God .....Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

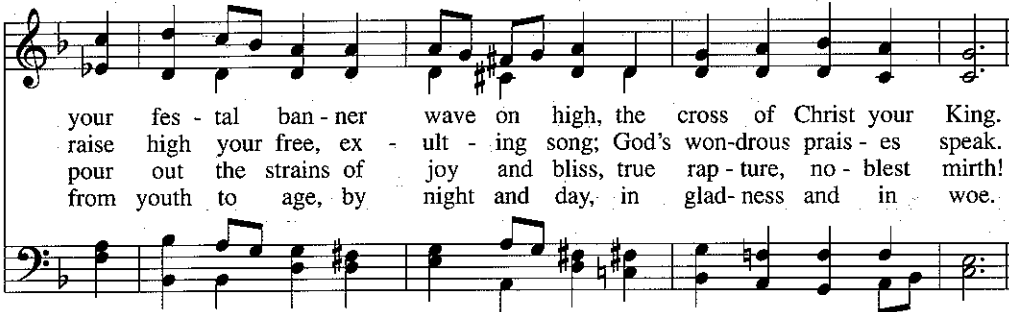
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## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?... He who has clean hands and a pure heart.*  
Ps. 24:3, 4



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid-ens meek,  
3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won-drous prais - es speak.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad-ness and in woe.

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Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
Re - joice, re - joice,

5. At last the march shall end,  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

## **The Confession of Sin**

*O Lord our God, you are the Great King and Judge of all the Earth; you have graciously given rulers and authorities to govern us and to preserve and promote order in the world that you have made.*

*We have failed to give proper respect to those in authority over us - our parents, our superiors, our elders, and our civil authorities and to obey their lawful commands.*

*We have not obeyed and carried out our duties as we should. We have agreed to obey but failed to follow through on our promises.*

*We have envied the authority of our superiors, failing to be content with the lot that God has given us.*

*Our rebellion against these authorities is ultimately rebellion against you, and for that we are deeply sorry. Forgive us, our Heavenly Father, and cause us to walk in humble obedience.*

*Make us long for the return of the King and the end of all governments except for His, when the dwelling place of God is with man forevermore and we are finally and completely free from the presence and power of sin.*

## **The Silent Confession**

### **The Assurance of Pardon .....Psalm 23:5-6**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 715....."Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**The Encouragement to Give & Offering .....Acts 20:35**

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**The Great Prayer .....Elder David Bosshardt**

**\*The Psalm No. 111 ..... "O Give the LORD" (Page 3)**

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## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matt. 13:39*

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home:  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;  
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown:  
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied:  
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear:  
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide:

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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

giv - ing I will bring; with all his peo - ple  
 works and won - drous ways. <sup>3</sup>Ma - jes - tic glo - ry,  
 • ev - er keep in mind. <sup>4</sup>His works of love and  
 those who trust his word. <sup>6</sup>Up - on his saints his  
 are for - ev - er sure. <sup>8</sup>In 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. <sup>9</sup>From 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. <sup>10</sup>In rev'ence and in godly fear  
 man finds the gate to wisdom's ways;  
 the wise his holy name revere.  
 Through endless ages sound his praise!

SERMON NOTES

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**I. Introduction**

**A. Effect of the Miracle**

**B. Blindness & Perception**

**II. Main Argument**

**A. Neighbors Divided (vv. 8-12)**

1. Investigation (v. 8):

2. Dispute (v. 9)

3. Testimony (vv. 10-12)

**B. Pharisees Divided (vv. 13-17)**

1. Religious Authorities (vv. 13-14)

a. Why did the neighbors take this man to the Pharisees?

b. What is the *oral Law*?

c. **Application: *Jesus intentionally creates offense in order to confront and expose obstacles to the gospel and salvation.***

d. **Application: *Jesus observed the Sabbath and is the Lord of the Sabbath.***

2. Investigation (v. 15):

3. Dispute (v. 16)

a. On what does each faction of the pharisees focus?

b. **Application**: *This division is a result of malice and opposition to God.*

4. Testimony (v. 17)

**C. Family Divided (vv. 18-23)**

1. New Evidence (vv. 18-19)

a. For what purpose do the Pharisees question the man's parents?

b. **Application**: *The wicked will go to great lengths to protect their prejudice against the truth.*

2. Parental Testimony (vv. 20-23)

a. How do the parents distance themselves from their son?

b. Why do the parents do this?

**III. Conclusion**

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 455....."And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

~ God Blesses His People ~

\*The Benediction

\*The Response No. 735 ..... "The 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.*

# And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

Chords: G, G, Am/C, D7, G, G, Am/C, D7

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

Chords: G, D/A, A7, D, G/D, D, G

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

Chords: D, C, G, G/D, D7, G, D, G

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

SALVATION BY GRACE

Chords: C, A7, D, G, C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Chords: D, G, D7

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die for me?  
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love!  
 Christ, my own.

Chords: G, G, C, G, Am/C, G/D, D7, G, G

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou, my God,



## Thoughts about the Thanksgiving Service

On Thanksgiving Day in many homes, when all are gathered around the dinner table and the food is hot, each person is asked to state one thing for which he/she is thankful. It is easy to be superficial in our expressions of thanks. We think of family, home, food, things we have or do that are fun, etc. Certainly, these are not insincere expressions, but often they don't represent much reflection. I once read somewhere, "Thankfulness promotes thankfulness." So I thought I'd offer some "thinks" as you anticipate our or your Thanksgiving service:

1. What is the opposite of thankfulness? Isn't it complaining?
2. What is my default response setting to what God brings my way---thankfulness or complaining?
3. Is it possible to turn complaining into thankfulness? Would it happen if we were to look for ways to appreciate how God will use the things we complain about to make us thankful?
4. In this life we, of course, see everything as imperfect. Does that lead us to complaining, fault-finding, discouragement, or despair? Or does it lead us to seeing with the eyes of faith what some situation or some person can become?
5. Isn't our entire thanking of God based on what we know of Him and His ways? Don't we thank Him for His promises, both those He has kept and those we look to Him to fulfill?

Because "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ," it would be wonderful to hear what scriptures the Holy Spirit has used in drawing you closer to Christ, in causing you to understand how dependable God is, and in helping you to interpret the providences God has sent you.

Another aspect of the Thanksgiving service is the singing of hymns and psalms. When a person shares the Lord's blessing in his/her life, he/she may base it on a hymn or psalm, which we will then sing together.

I hope you'll plan to attend and participate in the Thanksgiving service if you are in town.

Sincerely,  
Elder Davis

### NOVEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

October Income:	\$13,879.03	Monthly Budget:	\$23,816
October Expense:	\$15,084.42	2022 Budget:	\$285,793
October Net:	(\$1,205.39)		
2022 Income:	\$255,664.75		
2022 Expenses:	\$256,274.71		
2022 Net Income:	(\$510.96)		

Baby Shower Honoring  
*Ann Biese*

**11:00 a.m. | Dec. 3**

At the church

Ryan & Ann are expecting a baby  
girl in December!

**WINTER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**The fundamentals of church life taught  
by Pastor Ryan Biese**

*Ladies Tea*  
**December 17**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2022

- + The church decorating party will be Friday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m. Please let Mary Lou Wilson know if you can help. A light lunch will be provided.
- + The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning committee will meet today in the library immediately following morning worship.
- + Game night is Friday, December 2 starting at 6:00 p.m. The youth are sponsoring this event for the whole congregation. Pizza will be provided.

### 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](mailto:office@fpfo.org).
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plates, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.fpfo.org/give).

# Give Thanks

Register for Supper:



*Fellowship, Thanksgiving & Praise*  
*Tuesday, Nov. 22 | 6:00 p.m.*

Please register for supper: [www.fpfo.org/thx](http://www.fpfo.org/thx)

### 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  
(excluding First Sundays)

#### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting  
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)  
*Gospel of John* (young women)

**Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.**

Nov. 20: Sarah Wilson & M. Tuggle

Nov. 27: B. Rowan & A. Wilson