

# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING

DECEMBER 15, 2019

**Introit:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**The Call to Worship**

**\*The Hymn of Praise**

**Hymn 218**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

**\*The Prayer of Adoration**

**The Confession of Faith:** Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q25: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A25: Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q26: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A26: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

**God Calls Us to Repentance:**

Exod. 20:1-2, 16

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**God's People Confess Their Sin**

Our Creator and Redeemer, Your spoken word brings order, beauty, and light where there is chaos, emptiness, and darkness. We thank You for the power of Your word in creating the world and in making us a new creation in Christ. We confess that our words are often riddled with falsehood, misrepresentation, and manipulation. Our lips lie and produce death rather than life, rivalry rather than friendship, and blame rather than repentance. We twist, distort, and dodge the truth in order to justify ourselves, protect our interests, or tear down others. Forgive us for our words that spread lifelessness and dishonor You. May the word of Christ dwell in us richly so that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart please You, our Rock and our Redeemer. In the name of Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, we pray.

**Silent Confession**

**God Assures Us of Forgiveness in Christ: Zephaniah 3:9, 14-15**

At that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve Him with one accord... Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn 196**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**God's People Worship through Giving:**

**Psalm 96:7-9**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

**Offertory**

**God Calls His People to Prayer:**

**Psalm 96:6-7**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand

**\*The Hymn of Preparation**

**Hymn 195**

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 5:30-32 (p.859)**

**The Preaching of God's Word**

Rev. Ryan Biese

Our Redeemer's Work: Christ our King

**\*The Hymn of Commitment**

**Hymn 311**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (Psalm 72)

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Response**

**Hymn 301**

"Join All the Glorious Names" (stanza 5)

*My Saviour and my Lord, My Conqu'ror and my King,*

*Thy scepter and thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:*

*Thine is the pow'r: Behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.*

\*Please stand if you are able

## **Ministry Opportunities for Everyone**

- Children / Youth Ministry
- Greeters
- Intercessory Prayer
- Local Outreach
- Men's Ministry
- Mercy Ministry
- Missions Work
- Nursery
- Scouting Programs
- Visitation
- Women in the Church

### ***I am interested in...***

- Becoming a Christian
- Joining this Church
- Family Activities
- Joining a Bible Study
- Other Interests:

---

### ***Comments or Questions***

---

---

### ***Request Sermons on CD***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Special Needs***

- I want to speak with the Pastor.
- I want to know more about this Church.

### ***Prayer Requests***

---

---

## Thank You For Visiting!

December 15, 2019

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!  
It is important for us to get to know you.  
Please fill out this form (both sides) and  
drop it in the offering plate. Also be  
sure to mark any items about which you  
would like more information.

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Status (circle)

Single Married Widowed Student  
Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you...

- New to the community
- Looking for a new church home
- First Time Visitor
- Second-Time or More Visitor
- Out-of-town Visitor
- Member of another church

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

### How did you learn about our church?

- Friend  Newspaper
- Website  Church Sign
- Mail  Yellow Pages
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Today

10:45 AM Morning Worship

5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

5:45 PM Missionary Update with the Harrells (Adult SS Room)

6:15 PM Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 16

7:15 PM Scouts

### Wednesday, December 18

9-10:00 AM Ladies Prayer Group (Small Parlor)

6-6:45 PM Supper Club

6:45-7:45 PM Adult Bible Study, Kids Quest, and Youth Group

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Announcements are due each week by Wednesday at 5:00 PM to office@FPFO.org*

\*The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship tonight.

\*On **Wednesday, Dec. 18** we will go on our annual **Caroling in Ft. Oglethorpe** after midweek supper, bringing greetings to many you may know or wish you knew. Please join in and bring a cheerful voice.

\*Dabney and Wells invite the **Young Adults** to their home on **Friday, Dec. 20** so they can judge you for wearing an **ugly Christmas sweater**. Supper will be served at **6:27 p.m.** Judging will commence immediately.

\***Annual Lessons and Carols Service** is December 24th at 5:00 PM.

The officers have scheduled a forum for **January 5** to present the **2020 Budget** to the congregation as well as take questions from the saints.

\*The **Youth Retreat to Ridge Haven** will be **June 8-13**; the cost \$320. A **deposit of \$100** is due Jan. 29. Fundraising opportunities are available.

\***Capital Improvements Fund Balance** is \$9,446.20. Our goal is \$60,000.

### Nursery Schedule

#### Today:

Mary Lou Wilson & Emma Wood  
(PM) Emma Wilson

#### December 22, 2019

Marcy Tuggle & Susanna Wilson  
(PM) Mary Lou Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1 HARKER ROAD FORT OGLETHORPE, GA 30742

Sermon Broadcast: 94.7 WAAK FM | Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Web: www.FPFO.org Phone: (706) 866-2521

### SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

9:45 p.m. Gathering Prayer & Praise | 9:55 a.m. Sunday School | 10:45 a.m. Worship

5:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting | 6:15 p.m. Worship

Pastor: Ryan Biese, email: rfbiese@gmail.com

Ruling Elders: David Bosshardt, Herman McConathy, and Wil Davis

Diaconate: Wade Brumley, Bob Keller (chairman), and Lance Wood (clerk)



All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.  
For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and He rules over the nations.

(Psalm 22:27-28)