

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## The Prelude

## The Announcements

**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 participate together in **united** corporate worship services on Lord's Day mornings and evenings.*

- + Beginning mid-September, David and Elaine Bosshardt will be leading a discipleship discussion group one weeknight per week.
- + Close out the Lord's Day with evening worship tonight at 6:00 p.m.
- + On September 6 we will welcome **Rev. Joe Novenson** to the pulpit. Rev. Novenson is a pastor at Lookout Mountain PCA.
- + Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom: [LINK](#)
- + Zoom Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. [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](http://FPFO.org/give)

## ORDER OF SERVICE: MORNING WORSHIP

### Recognition of High School Graduate: Victoria Lee Ellis

- + Introduction
- + Scripture Reading: Psalm 62:5-8
- + Prayer
- + Benediction
- \***The Call to Worship**
- \***The Hymn of Praise**.....“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”
- \***The Prayer of Adoration**

1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,  
 3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain,  
 4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
 5. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore Thee,

once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand  
 robed in dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who  
 heav'n and earth, shall flee a - way; all who  
 see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear! And His  
 high on Thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the  
 set at naught and sold Him, pierced, and  
 hate Him must, con - found - ed, hear the  
 saints, by men re - ject - ed, com - ing  
 take the pow'r and glo - ry, claim the

tri - umph of His train. Al - le -  
 nailed Him to the tree, deep - ly  
 trump pro - claim the day: Come to  
 with Him in the air. Al - le -  
 king - dom for Thine own: O come

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come to  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 quick - ly, O come quick - ly, O come

lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

**\*The Confession of Faith.....Westminster Larger Catechism Nos. 94-95**

Q 94. Is there any use of the moral law to man since the fall?

A. *Although no man, since the fall, can attain to righteousness and life by the moral law; yet there is great use thereof, as well common to all men, as peculiar either to the unregenerate, or the regenerate.*

Q 95. Of what use is the moral law to all men?

A. *The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their inability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives; to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of his obedience.*

**\*The Call to Confession** .....Matthew 22:36-40  
“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**\*The Confession of Sin**

*Almighty God our Father, we come to you with sorrow and shame because of our sin. We confess our transgression against your holy Law in thought, word, and deed, in our intentions, desires, and priorities.*

*We confess we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have been fairly successful at avoiding heinous, glaring, or disgraceful sins this week that would bring public embarrassment to us. But at the same time, we confess we have coddled secret sins in our hearts and have not made much effort or progress to submit all our emotions and passions to you.*

*We confess we have not loved our neighbor. We have not been as careful as we ought to encourage and help our neighbor to stay far from sin. We have not done our duty to maintain a sympathetic outlook toward all our neighbors, but instead we have criticized without kindness or love.*

*Please take away our shame, pardon our sin, and send your Spirit to renew us in the Image of our Creator so that we will more resemble Christ in His love and grace.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon** .....Hebrews 9:22-24

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

**The Encouragement to Give** .....Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

**The Great Prayer**

\*The Psalm No. 119....."O How I Love Your Holy Law" (Psalm 119:97-104)

1. <sup>97</sup>O how I love your ho - ly law, O LORD!  
 2. <sup>99</sup>I have more wis - dom than my teach - ers, LORD,  
 3. <sup>101</sup>I keep my feet from ev - 'ry e - vil path,  
 4. <sup>103</sup>How sweet your words are, LORD, un - to my taste—

All day I med - i - tate up - on your word;  
 for on your laws I med - i - tate each day.  
 for I de - sire to fol - low all your word;  
 sweet - er than hon - ey is up - on my tongue.

<sup>98</sup>It makes me wis - er than my en - e - mies,  
<sup>100</sup>I have more in - sight than the a - ged ones,  
<sup>102</sup>since you have taught me all your wise de - crees,  
<sup>104</sup>Through your com - mand - ments I will un - der - stand,

for your com - mands are ev - er with me, LORD.  
 for all your tes - ti - mon - ies I o - bey.  
 from them I do not turn a - side, O LORD.  
 there - fore, O LORD, I hate each path that's wrong.

## **I. Introduction**

**A. What is the “Great principle of Christian Ethics”?**

**B. What sort of Law is the Ten Commandments? What are the other two types of laws in the Old Testament?**

**C. What is the context of God giving His Law to His people?**

## **II. Main Argument**

**A. The Permanence of the Law**

1. Antinomian Age: what does *antinomian* mean?

a. What is Legalism? What is *not* Legalism

b. How does the impossibility of fulfilling God’s commands impact our obligation to obey them?

2. Reasons the Law Endures: why is it important to remember antinomian positions vary along a spectrum?

a. Medium: How does the giving of the Ten Words differ from the way all other parts of the Law were given to Israel?

b. Words of Jesus: what does the Saviour say about the Law?

c. God’s Character:

(1) What does the Law teach us about God?

(2) How does this help us understand why God’s Law cannot change to accommodate man’s sinful (in)abilities?

3. The Law is Binding on All People Everywhere

- a. How has the Christian's relationship to the Law changed?
- b. What is the Law designed to do here in Exod. 20?
- c. In what sense is this Law for everyone?

**B. The Nature of the Law**

1. The Law is Spiritual

- a. How is this Law different from human laws?
- b. What was Pharisees' mistake in their understanding of the Law?

2. No Contradictions: why is it impossible for the Law of God to contradict itself? What does it mean when we think it does?

3. Comprehensive Summary: what does this mean?

- a. Positive and Negative:
- b. Categories: Why does the Law only forbid the worst expression of a whole category of sin?
- c. How does Jesus interpret the Law?

**C. The Use of the Law**

- 1. Restrain \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Reveal Our \_\_\_\_\_ and Need of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Guide to \_\_\_\_\_

\*The Hymn....."Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty  
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught  
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my  
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less  
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
 to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
 • man - sion in the skies, e'en then this shall be  
 mer - cy hath for me, for me a full a -  
 ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 • all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.  
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.  
 glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

\*The Benediction