

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MARCH 13, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

## The Announcements

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



## \*The Call to Worship

~ God's People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

\*The Hymn of Praise No. TH100....."Holy, Holy, Holy!"

## \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith.....The Belgic Confession No. 20

*We believe that God— who is perfectly merciful and also very just— sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Law of God .....Exodus 20:1–2, 17

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 covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

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## The Confession of Sin

*Our God and our Holy Father, every good and perfect gift comes from above. And you have graciously poured out more than we could possibly imagine.*

*Our first parents coveted the forbidden fruit and they coveted the exalted wisdom and stature of God. We are just like our first parents. We are prone to be dissatisfied with our possessions, with our spouses, with our coworkers, with our friends, with our bodies and with our allotted situations in life. So we envy the situations of others, and we grumble at the good that they enjoy.*

*We fill our minds with the things that we do not have, instead of gratefully living in the grace of what we have been given.*

*Lord, we lack contentment! We need your grace, in order that we might turn away from the idolatry of our covetous hearts. Renew us by the power of your gracious Spirit and conform us to the righteous image of Christ. All to the praise of your glorious grace through Jesus Christ.*

## The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

## The Assurance of Pardon .....Psalm 68:19-20

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

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

## \*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 84 ..... "O LORD of Hosts, How Lovely"

1. <sup>1</sup>O LORD of hosts, how love - ly the place where - in you dwell!  
2. <sup>3</sup>The spar - row finds a home here, the swal - low builds her nest,  
3. <sup>5</sup>How blest are those you streng - then, who have a pil - grim's mind.  
4. <sup>8</sup>O hear, LORD God of Ja - cob, to me an an - swer yield;  
5. <sup>11</sup>The LORD our God pro - tects us, our shield and shin - ing sun;

Your tab - er - na - cles ho - ly in pleas - ant - ness ex - cel.  
 where she may lay her young near your al - tar, LORD of hosts.  
 • <sup>6</sup>A - midst the vale of weep - ing, fresh springs and pools they find.  
<sup>9</sup>the face of your a - noin - ted, be - hold, O God, our shield.  
 the LORD be - stows his fa - vor and hon - or to his own.

<sup>2</sup>My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to see your courts, O LORD;  
<sup>4</sup>How blest are those who dwell in your house, my King, my God;  
 • <sup>7</sup>From strength to strength ad - vanc - ing, they on their jour - ney go  
<sup>10</sup>One day with - in your tem - ple ex - cels a thou - sand hence;  
 No good will he de - ny those who walk in ways of truth.

my heart and flesh are sing - ing to you, O liv - ing God.  
 how blest, those sing - ing prais - es to you, the liv - ing LORD.  
 • 'til each ap - pears in Zi - on, where they their God be - hold.  
 I'd rath - er keep God's door - way than live in sin - ners' tents.  
<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, how blest is the one who trusts in you!

**The Encouragement to Give ..... James 1:17-18**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

\*The Psalm No. 111....."Praise to the LORD! I will Extol Him"

1. <sup>1</sup>Praise to the LORD! I will ex - tol him a - midst the  
 2. <sup>3</sup>Glo - rious and might - y are his ac - tions, his jus - tice  
 3. <sup>5</sup>Good food he gives to those who fear him; his cov - e -  
 4. <sup>7</sup>All of his works are just and faith - ful; his pre - cepts

ho - ly com - pa - ny. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of  
 is for - ev - er - more. <sup>4</sup>He made his won - drous  
 nant for - ev - er stands. <sup>6</sup>He shows his works to  
 have full cer - tain - ty. <sup>8</sup>They will stand fast, en -

God, and pon - dered by all who view them joy - ful - ly.  
 works re - mem - bered, most kind and gra - cious is the LORD.  
 all the peo - ple, re - wards them with the na - tions' lands.  
 dur - ing ev - er, per - formed with truth and eq - ui - ty.

5. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption for his people,  
 his covenant he did ordain  
 that it should stand secure forever;  
 revered and holy is his name.

6. <sup>10</sup>Fear of the Lord gives rise to wisdom  
 for all who walk in upright ways;  
 all who obey have understanding.  
 To him belongs eternal praise!

SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction:** What spiritual dangers should be considered along with the dispute between John’s disciples and the Jew?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Divine Dignity (v. 31)**

1. The Excellence of Christ

2. The One from Above

3. The One from Earth

4. **Application:** *The Preeminence of Christ*; what dangers and pitfalls creep in to substitute for Christ?

B. **Testimony Received or Rejected (vv. 32-33)**

1. Witness (v. 32): Why is Jesus qualified to testify?

2. Receive or Reject (v. 32)

a. How was this foreshadowed in the prologue?

b. What does it mean to receive His testimony?

3. God is True (v. 33)

a. What is a seal?

b. What truth of God is in view here?

c. Why is it easy to reject this Truth?

4. Application

a. *To Reject Christ is to Call God a Liar*

b. *Despise Not the Day of Small Things*

**C. Triune Love**

1. God-Centered Gospel: Or is the gospel Christ-centered?

2. Spiritual Supremacy (v. 34): How is Christ different from all the prophets who came before Him?

3. Trinitarian Giving: How does this demonstrate the humility of God the Son and the love of God the Father?

**D. Present Possession (v. 36)**

1. Life

2. Wrath

**III. Conclusion**

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. TH55 ..... "To God Be the Glory"

~ God Blesses His People ~

\*The Benediction

\*The Response ..... "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.*

**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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](http://FPFO.org/give)

**IMPLEMENTING  
GOD'S WORD**

**Basics of a  
Biblical Worldview**  
Youth Sunday School  
Starting March 20  
John Porter, teacher

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 13, 2022

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The service is live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing masking and distancing protocols.

- + Congregational Meeting March 20 after Evening Worship for the purpose of voting on whether to call Mr. Nathan Bowers as a ruling elder in this congregation.
- + If you are willing to assist in the nursery, please contact Mary Lou Wilson to serve.

## Ten Commandments of “Progressive Christianity” Adult Sunday School | Starting March 20

Nathan Bowers, teacher

*Each of the commandments of progressivism is partially true, which is what makes “Progressive Christianity” so challenging. Half-truths can sound appealing until you realize their foundations and implications.*

All Saints



Reformed

FPFO Supported Missionary

Rev. Ben Kappers:

All Saints Reformed | St. George, UT

Evening Worship | March 13 | 6:00 PM



### 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

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)  
*Galatians* (young women)

\*Livestream available at [www.fpfo.org/live](http://www.fpfo.org/live)

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

Nursery March. 13: Sarah Wilson

Nursery March 20: Julia Porter