

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | OCTOBER 10, 2021 | 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 Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 208 ..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

### \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith.....The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*catholic means *general* or *universal*; that is to say, we confess that the Church is more than First Presbyterian Church or the PCA.

**The Call to Confession.....Psalm 7:11-13**

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow, he has prepared for him his deadly weapons.

**The Confession of Sin**

*Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, we confess before you that we have sinned.*

*We have not loved you as we ought. We have exercised false priorities, maintained false concepts of God, taken vows we have not kept, and failed to honor your Lord's Day.*

*Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due, failed to preserve life, failed in maintaining purity of heart, taken what is not ours, borne false witness to make ourselves look better, and we have entertained covetous thoughts.*

*O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of your great name..*

**The Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 6:5-6**

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

**\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 116....."I Love the LORD" (Psa. 116:1-9)**

1. <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, for he has heard my voice;  
 2. <sup>3</sup>An - guish of death en - com - passed me a - bout;  
 3. <sup>5</sup>Righ - teous and gra - cious is the LORD our God,  
 4. <sup>7</sup>Rest, O my soul; the LORD has blessed you well,

he heard my pleas for mer - cy and for grace.  
 cords of the grave and ter - ror held me down.  
 rich in his mer - cy, ten - der in his love.  
<sup>8</sup>for you, O LORD, from death re - deemed my soul.

<sup>2</sup>Since he in - clined his ear to my re - quest,  
 I was dis - tressed. <sup>4</sup>I called up - on his name:  
<sup>6</sup>He will pre - serve the sim - ple in their need;  
 You dried my tears, my stum - bling feet re - stored.

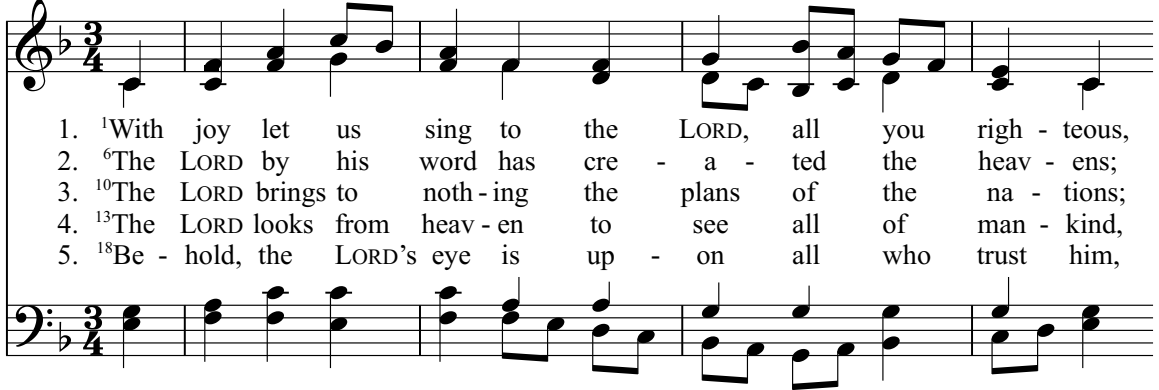
I'll call on him as long as life shall last.  
 "Res - cue my soul, O LORD my God, I pray."  
 when I was low, he came and res - cued me.  
<sup>9</sup>I'll walk the land of life be - fore the LORD.

**The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 96:7-8**

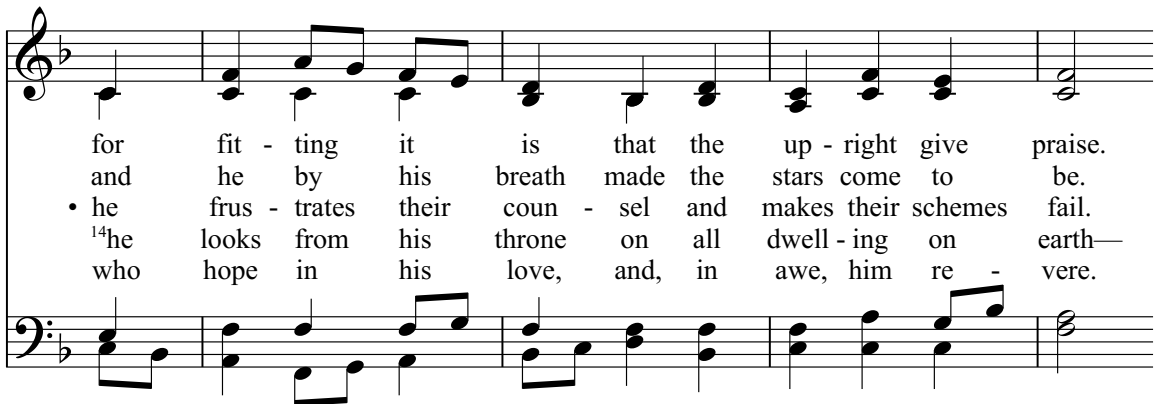
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**The Great Prayer**


\*The Psalm No. 33 ..... "With Joy Let Us Sing to the LORD"



1. <sup>1</sup>With joy let us sing to the LORD, all you righ - teous,  
 2. <sup>6</sup>The LORD by his word has cre - a - ted the heav - ens;  
 3. <sup>10</sup>The LORD brings to noth - ing the plans of the na - tions;  
 4. <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks from heav - en to see all of man - kind,  
 5. <sup>18</sup>Be - hold, the LORD's eye is up - on all who trust him,



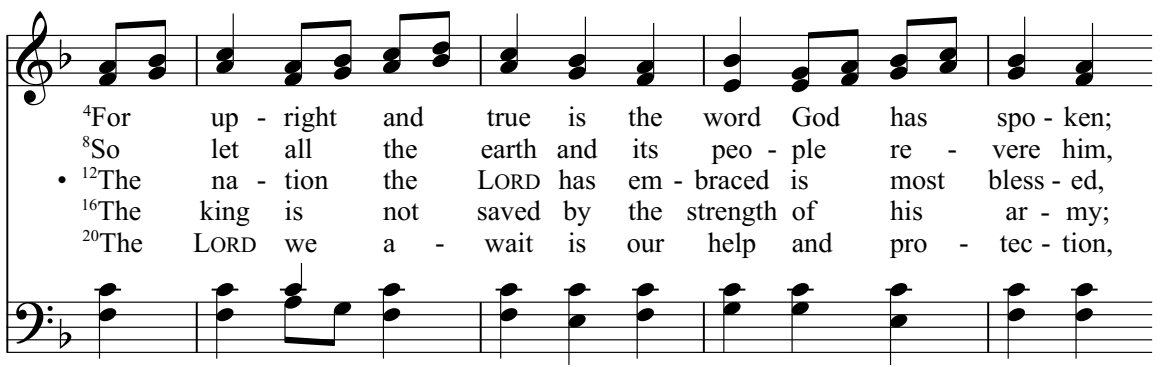
for fit - ting it is that the up - right give praise.  
 and he by his breath made the stars come to be.  
 • he frus - trates their coun - sel and makes their schemes fail.  
<sup>14</sup>he looks from his throne on all dwell - ing on earth—  
 who hope in his love, and, in awe, him re - vere.



<sup>23</sup>And skill - ful - ly praise him with harp and with lyre;  
<sup>7</sup>The depths of the o - cean he heaps up to - geth - er,  
 • <sup>11</sup>But all that the LORD in his heart has in - tend - ed,  
<sup>15</sup>the same one who made them, who all their hearts fash - ioned,  
<sup>19</sup>They trust that from death he will res - cue and save them,




make mus - ic to God, a new song to him raise.  
 and puts in a store - house the waves of the sea.  
 • the plans he has made, will for - ev - er pre - vail.  
 who knows what they do and con - si - ders its worth.  
 and keep them all liv - ing when fam - ine comes near.



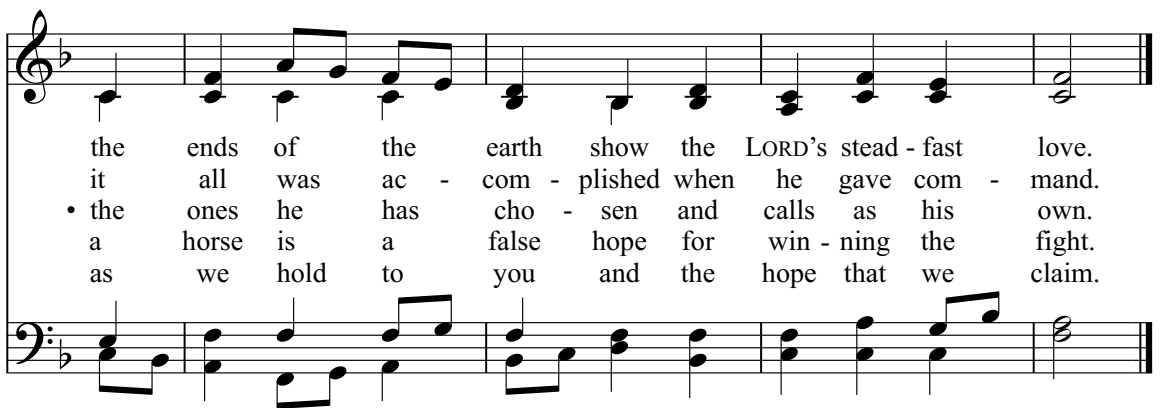
<sup>4</sup>For up - right and true is the word God has spo - ken;  
<sup>8</sup>So let all the earth and its peo - ple re - vere him,  
 • <sup>12</sup>The na - tion the LORD has em - braced is most bless - ed,  
<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by the strength of his ar - my;  
<sup>20</sup>The LORD we a - wait is our help and pro - tec - tion,



the works of the LORD his great faith - ful - ness prove.  
 and in the LORD's pres - ence with awe let them stand.  
 • where he is ac - know - ledged to be God a - lone;  
 the sol - dier as well should not trust his own might.  
<sup>21</sup>our heart is glad, trust - ing in his ho - ly name.



<sup>5</sup>And he loves true righ - teous - ness, jus - tice, and judg - ment;  
<sup>9</sup>He spoke, it was done, and con - tin - ues to stand fast;  
 • this peo - ple he claims, his in - her - it - ed por - tion,  
<sup>17</sup>The strength of a horse does not make res - cue cer - tain;  
<sup>22</sup>O LORD, let your cov - e - nant love be up - on us,



the ends of the earth show the LORD's stead - fast love.  
 it all was ac - com - plished when he gave com - mand.  
 • the ones he has cho - sen and calls as his own.  
 a horse is a false hope for win - ning the fight.  
 as we hold to you and the hope that we claim.

SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction**: How does John differ from the other Gospels?

II. **Main Argument**

**A. The Beginning**

1. **Links**: How does John interact with the other Gospel writers here?
2. **Before Creation**: What theme does John introduce here?
3. **Beginning**: What does John mean by *beginning*?

**B. The Word**

1. **Assumptions**: How does John challenge Jewish ideas about monotheism?
2. **The Logos**
  - a. How did *logos* appear in Greek Philosophy? Is there any help for us there to understand what John means by *Word*?
  - b. How does the idea of the *Logos* or *Word of the Lord* appear in the Hebrew Scripture?
  - c. What must be done to understand John’s use of this word?
  - d. **Application**: How should we understand the meaning of the words and ideas contained in the Scripture?

**C. God**

1. **Greatness**: How does John challenge mere cultural monotheism?
2. **With and Was**: How does this show the Word is God?

3. Why Word? What is significant about Jesus being the *Word*?

4. **Application:** What is the significance of Christ the Word?

**D. Clarity**

1. What claims does John make about the Word?

2. Word Order: What is the significance of “the Word was God” versus “God was the Word”?

3. God: How do we know John is not asserting the *Word* is God-like?

**4. Application**

**a. The Sinfulness of Sin**

**b. Assurance of Salvation**

**III. Conclusion**

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 274.....“Thine Be The Glory”

**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.*

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**OCTOBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Sept. Expenses:	\$36,199.85	Sept. Budget:	\$23,196.88
Sept. Income:	<u>\$16,559.37</u>		
Sept. Net Income:	(\$19,640.48)		

2021 Expenses:	\$183,282.87	YTD Budget:	\$208,771.92
<u>2021 Income:</u>	<u>\$202,033.88</u>		
2021 Net Income:	\$18,751.01		

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The back two rows of the middle section are reserved for people wearing masks (covering mouth and nose) for the entirety of the worship service while seated or standing there. The service is also live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing greater masking and distancing protocols.

- + If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Mary Lou Wilson. Adults and teens are needed to help care for young children during morning worship.
- + Mr. Bill Henshall was elected to the diaconate by the congregation on August 29. He will be ordained and installed to the diaconate on Oct. 17 as part of the evening worship. A reception will follow! Please sign up in the fellowship hall.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed in Evening Worship on October 24.

### *Reviving our Church Choir?*

Come to a meeting Sunday, October 17, at 5:30 p.m. if you are interested in participating in a church choir. The meeting will address the purpose and function of a choir in worship as well as rehearsal times and commitments.

Contact Wil Davis with questions (423.838.3813).

### **Keep up with the church in her worship and work:**

- + 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).

## **New Pictorial Directory!**

All members and regular visitors of FPFO, please allow Andrew Keller to take your picture for this project to help us recognize each other and stay in contact. If you would like to help with development of the directory, please notify the office.

### **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 Oct. 10: Beth Rowan

Nursery Oct. 17: Emma Wilson