

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | November 21, 2021 | 6 o'clock

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 115.....“Not to Us, LORD, Not to Us” (pages 6-7)

*THE INVOCATION

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe Nicene Creed

We 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 Ghost 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 God the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and His kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we 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 LAW OF GOD Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, the great and awesome God, You are righteous, but today we are covered with shame, because we have sinned against You. Though You are merciful and forgiving, we have turned away from You, we have rebelled against You, and have refused to obey Your good and perfect commands.

O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and who made a name for Yourself that endures to this day, let not Your anger fall upon us. Turn to us and hear our prayer and forgive us, showing us Your grace and mercy. For Your sake, O God, do not delay, because Your Church and Your people bear Your Name.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

THE HYMN SING

*THE PSALM OF PREPARATION NO. TH66 “God is Known” (Psalm 76)

THE SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:1-8

THE SERMON “Three Objections”

A. “No Advantage to the Jew” (v. 1-2)

1. The Value of Circumcision (v. 1): What “baggage” does circumcision bring with it?

2. The Blessing of Church Membership (v. 2): What do we expect Paul to say in response to this objection?
 - a. What does Paul mean by *to begin with* or *first of all*?
 - b. How did the Jews misunderstand circumcision and their covenant benefits?
 - c. What is the Jews' advantage and how is it so?
 - d. What should the Jew have done with his knowledge?
3. **Recapitulation & Application**: Being part of God's Covenant people brings great blessings to those who seek them spiritually.
 - a. *The Word of God*
 - b. *No Ground for Complacency*
 - c. *Blessing of Baptism and Church Membership*

B. "No Faithfulness in God" (vv. 3-4)

1. Confidence in the Flesh: What confidence has Paul just destroyed?
2. God's Faithfulness (v. 3): What does God do in His oracles?
 - a. How does Paul highlight the absurdity of this objection?
 - b. What is the significance of the remnant in the Old Testament?
3. God's Praise (v. 4): How does quoting David prove Paul's point?

4. **Recapitulation & Application**: God's faithfulness is beyond doubt; the very suggestion that God's faithfulness might be undone is just stupid and impious.

a. Mark of Genuine Piety

b. Even the Wrath of Men Will Praise God

C. "No Judgment by God" (vv. 5-8)

1. Gotcha!

a. What is the third objection and how does it - on the surface - logically follow what Paul has said (v. 5, 7)?

b. What does Paul mean by he speaks in a human way here?

2. Slander (v. 8)

a. How is this different from what Paul addresses in Romans 6?

b. Whom does Paul condemn here?

3. **Recapitulation & Application**: Paul proves the universal need and application of the gospel by demonstrating the need of both religious and godless people for God's righteousness received by faith.

a. Quick Diagnosis of a Doctrine

b. Beware any Refuge but Christ!

*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 108 "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations!” (p. 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE.....“The Doxology”

Praise God , from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Psalm 115A

1. ¹Not to us, LORD, not to us— to your name be all the praise,
2. ⁴Hea - then gods are sil - ver, gold, works of hu - man art - ist - ry.
3. ⁸Those who make and trust in them soon grow like the gods they mold.
4. ¹²God the LORD re - mem - bers us, and his peo - ple he will bless.
5. ¹⁵Blest are you by God the LORD, Mak - er of the earth and heav'n!

for your cov - 'nant faith - ful - ness, for your stead - fast love and grace.
⁵They have mouths, but do not speak. They have eyes, but do not see.
 • ⁹House of Is - r'el, trust the LORD, for he is their help and shield.
 He will bless all Is - r'el's house, he will bless all Aa - ron's house.
¹⁶High - est heavn's be - long to him, but to man the earth was giv'n.

²Why should all the na - tions say, "Where now is their God of might?"
⁶They have ears, but do not hear; nos - es, but no scent have found;
 • ¹⁰House of Aa - ron, trust the LORD, for he is their help and shield.
¹³Those who fear him, great and small, he with bless - ings will re - ward.
¹⁷Though the dead to si - lence go, though the dead praise not the LORD,

³He will do what he de - sires. In the heav'ns our God re - sides.
⁷help - less hands and use - less feet, throats that ut - ter not a sound.
 • ¹¹You who fear him, trust the LORD, for he is their help and shield.
¹⁴May you and your chil - dren grow; may the LORD in - crease you more.
¹⁸we will hence - forth bless the LORD. Praise the LORD for - ev - er - more.

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!