

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | September 19, 2021 | 6 o'clock

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 164....."O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*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. 67 “O God, Show Mercy to Us” (pages 6-7)

THE SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:8-15

THE SERMON “Gospel Goings”

A. Gratitude (v. 8): How does the Apostle Paul modify and adapt the customary letter format of his day?

1. God the Source: What does Paul’s thanksgiving to God teach us about saving faith?

- a. What is significant about Paul referring to God as *my God*?
- b. **Application:** How often do you express your gratitude to God for His blessings?

2. Christ the Mediator

3. Faith the Encouragement: What about the faith of the Christians at Rome is encouraging to churches throughout the Empire?

B. Prayer (vv. 9-10)

1. Oath: Why does Paul place himself under an oath about this matter?
2. Gospel: What is significant about the gospel?
3. Desire for Visit: how does Paul illustrate the difference between resting in God's providence and being dominated by ambition or anxiety?

C. Motivation (vv. 11-13)

1. Their Spiritual Strength (v. 11):
 - a. What sort of spiritual gift does Paul have in mind?
 - b. What does Paul's desire for their spiritual strengthening indicate about the Christian life? Is there some deficiency in that church?
2. Mutual Encouragement (v. 12): How does the Apostle Paul show his humility here?
3. Frustration: Why has Paul not visited this group of Christians before?

D. Obligation (vv. 14-15)

1. Obligation (v. 14a): How does this illustrate the grand transformation of Paul's life and priorities?

2. People and Persons (v. 14b): What do these two pairs represent?
 - a. What is Paul's Desire?
 - b. **Application**: How does Paul's desire reflected here caution us against focusing on demographics, sociology, or other fleshly matters regarding evangelism and missionary work?
3. Gospel (v. 15): Why does Paul want to preach the gospel to people who are already converted? Does he doubt the genuineness of their faith?

*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Those worshiping in the Adult Sunday school room are encouraged to move to the auditorium during the singing of the "Hymn of Approach" in order to come to the Lord's Table with the congregation.

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 67B

1. ¹O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your grace;
2. For you will judge the peo - ples with per - fect eq - ui - ty;

and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
to na - tions of the whole earth a gov - er - nor you'll be.

²so that the whole world o - ver may tru - ly know your way,
⁵O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.

and so that your sal - va - tion all na - tions see dis - played.
⁶The earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest days

³O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.
 since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes, God will bless - ing send,

⁴Let na - tions come re - joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
 that all the earth may fear him to its re - mot - est end.

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!