

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | 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 Prelude

### \*The Call to Worship

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

\*The Psalm of Praise No. TH439....."Christ Shall Have Dominion" (Psalm 72)

### \*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

### \*The Confession of Faith.....The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

**The Law of God .....Exodus 20:12–17**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 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.

**The Confession of Sin**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**The Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon.....Colossians 2:13–15**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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

**\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 95 .....“O Come to the LORD” (page 3)**

**The Encouragement to Give .....2 Corinthians 8:8–9**

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**The Great Prayer .....Pastor Ryan Biese**



1. <sup>1</sup> Come to the LORD, and sing for joy; Let  
 2. <sup>2</sup> In - to His pres - ence let us come With  
 3. <sup>3</sup> The LORD's a might - y God and King; A -  
 4. <sup>5</sup> To Him the spa - cious sea be - longs, Made



us our voic - es raise. In joy - ful shouts, let  
 praise and thank - ful voice. Let us then sing to  
 above all gods He is. <sup>4</sup> The depths of earth are  
 by His own com - mand; And by the work - ing



us the Rock Of our sal - va - tion praise.  
 Him with psalms; With shouts let us re - joice.  
 in His hand; The moun - tain peaks are His.  
 of His hands He formed the earth's dry land.



5. <sup>6</sup> O come and let us worship Him;  
 Let us with one accord  
 In presence of our Maker kneel,  
 And bow before the LORD;

6. <sup>7</sup> Because He truly is our God,  
 And we His chosen sheep,  
 The people of His pasture land,  
 Whom His own hand will keep.

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SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction**

**A. Scene Change**

**B. Uniqueness of Christ**

II. **Main Argument**

**A. Liberty (vv. 7-10):** How are the Saviour's motives different from that of thieves and robbers?

**B. Security (vv. 11-16)**

1. **The Good Shepherd (v. 11):** With whom is the Good Shepherd compared?

a. Why would the death of the shepherd for the flock normally be disastrous?

b. What is the character of the Good Shepherd's death?

c. **Application:** *The purpose of Christ's coming into the world.*

2. **Hirelings (vv. 12-13):** How else is the word *hireling* or *hired hand* used in the Gospels?

a. What is the difference between the *thieves and robbers* and *hirelings*?

b. Whom does the Saviour have in view in contrasting Himself with hirelings?

3. **Knowledge (vv. 14-15)**

a. How does the Saviour explain His knowledge of the sheep?

b. **Application**: *Christ knows those for whom He dies; He knows His sheep completely, comprehensively.*

c. How do Christ's sheep come to know Him?

4. **Unity (v. 16)**

a. What is *Dispensationalism* and what problems does John's Gospel present for such a reading of Scripture?

b. What is significant about the flock not in Christ's fold?

1)

2)

3)

c. Who are those remaining in the fold who have not gone into the Saviour's flock?

d. **Application**: *Christ's flock, Christ's Church is global in scope because His salvation is for all people.*

**C. Authority (vv. 17-18)**

1. **Beloved (v. 17a)**: How is the love of the Father and the Son for one another significant to the life of a believer?

2. Where did the Son manifest His love for the Father?

3. **Commission (vv. 17b-18)**: In what sense was the Saviour's death purposeful beyond satisfying the demand for the death of lawbreakers?

a. **Application**: *It is impossible to contemplate the death of Christ apart from His resurrection triumph.*

b. How is God's sovereignty seen in the death of Christ?

**III. Conclusion**

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

\*The Hymn of Response No. 580 ..... "Lead On, O King Eternal"

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

**The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table**

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God's People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

\*The Psalm of Praise No. 117 ..... "Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations" (page 7)

~ God Blesses His People ~

**The Benediction**

\*The Response No. 733 ..... "The Doxology"

## Moms Encouragement Lunch

Thursday, February 23 | 12:30-2:30 p.m. | Childcare Provided

Come relax and talk. To adults. Without being asked to fix a snack.

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

<sup>2</sup>for 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2023

- + Additional help in the nursery is needed on Lord's Day mornings. Church members willing to serve in this area may contact Mary Lou Wilson for further details. This is open to both adults and teens.
- + The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet next Lord's Day after morning worship in the church library.
- + The Women in the Church will meet at 6:30 and Session will meet at 6:55 p.m. on February 22. There will be no classes for the elementary-aged children that week.
- + Rachel Wilson and Abby Shapiro are now serving as librarians for the church. If you have questions about the library, please talk with them. Books are available for checkout and may be returned in the plastic cabinet at the entrance.

### 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](https://FPFO.org/give)

### 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

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting  
5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper  
6:45-7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
6:30-7:30 p.m. *KidsQuest* (children)  
6:45-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies  
*The Gospel of John*  
On First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays  
there is outreach at the Crossings Apts.

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

Nursery Feb. 5: E. Wilson & M. Tuggle

Nursery Feb. 12: L. Bible & A. Wilson