

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

*The Psalm of Praise No. 96.....“O Sing a New Song to the Lord” (Page 2)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....The Heidelberg Catechism Nos. 44-45

Q. Why does the creed add, *He descended into hell?*

A. *To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.*

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Law of GodExodus 20:1–2, 15

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 steal.”

1. ¹ O sing a new song to the LORD; All earth sing to the
 2. ⁴ The LORD is great, great praise He's due. He's feared a - bove all
 3. ⁷ O fam - i - lies of earth, as - cribe All glo - ry to the

LORD. ² Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; "He
 gods. ⁵ For peo - ples' gods mere i - dols are; The
 LORD. All strength as - cribe un - to the LORD; ⁸ Give

saves!" each day pro - claim. ³ His glo - ry to all
 LORD the heav - ens made. ⁶ Be - fore Him hon - or,
 glo - ry due His name. Come to the LORD, in -

na - tions show; His deeds let peo - ples know.
 maj - es - ty, And strength and splen - dor dwell.
 to His courts, And bring an of - fer - ing.

O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Ps. 107:1

1. O praise the Lord, for he is good, his mer - cies still en - dure;
2. He gath - ered them from out the lands, from north, south, east and west.
3. Their wea - ry soul with - in them faints when thirst and hun - ger press;
4. He made the way be - fore them straight, him - self be - came their guide,

thus say the ran - somed of the Lord, from all their foes se - cure.
They strayed in de - sert's path - less way, no cit - y found for rest.
in trou - ble then they cried to God, he saved them from dis - tress.
that they might to a cit - y go where - in they might a - bide.

5. O that men would Jehovah praise
for all his kindness shown,
and for his works so wonderful
which he to men makes known!

6. Because the longing soul by him
with food is satisfied,
the hungry soul that looks to him
with goodness is supplied.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*In the beginning was the Word... The Word was made flesh... and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. John 1:1, 14 KJV*

Unison

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 • whom the Scrip-tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 • now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; let cre - a - tion
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 • praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

The Confession of Sin

O God in Heaven, you are always true and always faithful to your word. You, as the perfectly righteous judge, always act in wisdom. As the King of creation, you never steal or deal fraudulently.

But Lord, we confess that we have broken the eighth commandment, by wrongfully taking what is not ours, by stealing time with our slothful behavior, by desiring to steal through envying the prosperity of others, by being careless or stingy with our own and with other people's resources, and by failing to keep our commitments.

We pray that the abundant grace of Christ would cover these sins and empower us to walk in truth, faithfulness, and justice.

And guard our hearts from inordinate prizing and protecting of worldly goods and grant us strength to grow in generosity and joy through Christ our Lord and our Redeemer, our true provision and only security.

The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. TH83 "O Praise the Lord" (Psalm 107:1-9)**

The Encouragement to Give1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

***The Hymn No. 162 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

The Sermon.....Ryan F. Biese

"Mary's Song: the Great Reversal" | Luke 1:46-55 | Songs of Christ's Advent No. 1 | p. 804

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction

A. Mary

B. Reversal

C. How does Mary's song/prayer instruct us regarding our own praise and prayers?

II. Main Argument

A. God's Grace Toward Mary (vv. 46-48)

1. Mary's Joy (vv. 46-47)

a. What does Mary's language teach us about the way we praise God?

b. What does Mary mean by *soul* and *spirit*?

c. **Application: *Praise to God ought to come from the heart.***

d. How is the word *Saviour* used in Luke's Gospel?

e. **Application: *The salvation of God fills His people with joy.***

2. God's Slave (v. 48a)

a. Why does Mary consider the contrast between herself and God?

b. **Application: *The wickedness of worshipping Mary.***

3. God's People (v. 48b)

a. Who is the first to call Mary *blessed*?

b. **Application: *Gratitude befits God's people.***

B. God's Greatness Generally (vv. 49-53)

1. Mighty and Mercy (vv. 49-50): What is the second reason for praise?

a. What does God's holiness mean?

b. What does Mary's consideration of God's mercy teach us about His character?

c. What sort of mercy does Mary have in mind?

2. Strength Demonstrated (vv. 51-52)
 - a. How does this way of speaking suggest Mary is indeed the author?
 - b. What five ways has God acted?
 - c. Why are *the proud* so offensive to God?
 - d. How does Mary understand the world and events to be governed?
3. Overturing Expectations (v. 53)
 - a. How does God defy ordinary religious expectations?
 - b. Why do the *rich* feel entitled?
 - c. **Application: *Christ Brings a New Age.***

C. God's Faithfulness to His Church (vv. 54-55)

1. Servant (v. 54): How is this word for *servant* different from the one earlier translated *servant*?
 - a. What does Mary not yet realize about her Son?
 - b. What is the reason for God's action?
 - c. **Application: *The value of Church history.***
2. God's Covenant (v. 55): How does the covenant show God will remember mercy forever for His people?

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 225 "Once in Royal David's City"

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 "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.*

DECEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

November Income:	\$19,614.17	Monthly Budget:	\$23,816
<u>Nov. Expense:</u>	<u>\$21,732.34</u>	2022 Budget:	\$285,793
November Net:	(\$2,118.17)		
2022 Income:	\$245,277.92		
<u>2022 Expenses:</u>	<u>\$253,930.20</u>		
2022 Net Income:	(\$8,652.28)		

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Once in Royal David's City

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.



Ladies Tea
Dec. 17 | 3:30 p.m.

Youth & Young Adult
Christmas Party

December 16 | 6:00 p.m.

At the home of Jeff & Beth Rowan
Please RSVP on the bulletin board

MONTHLY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GAG NIGHT:
"Games & Gab"

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 @ 7 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE CONTACT DIANA JOHNSON FOR MORE DETAILS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER II, 2022

- + There is a basket on the fellowship hall dessert table for any ladies to leave gifts, diapers, wipes, or other items for Hayden & Natalie Schoeffler to help welcome baby Audrey. Please place your gifts by December 18.
- + Sunday school and Midweek activities are on break December 18-January 1, 2023.
- + The monthly Stated Session meeting is December 14 at 7:32 p.m. There is a Joint Officer Meeting December 21 at 5:30 p.m.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship on December 18.
- + Evening Worship on December 25 will be a joint service at Cornerstone OPC in Chattanooga. Pastor Ryan Biese will be preaching there.
- + *Caroling at the Crossing*: after evening worship on Dec. 18. All are welcome to join in at the Crossing Apartments (across from Neighborhood Market & Fant Drive).

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.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plates, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.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
6:30 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)
Gospel of John (young women)

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

Dec. 11: H. Rowan & C. Rowan

Dec. 18: E. Wilson & M. Tuggle