FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Announcements

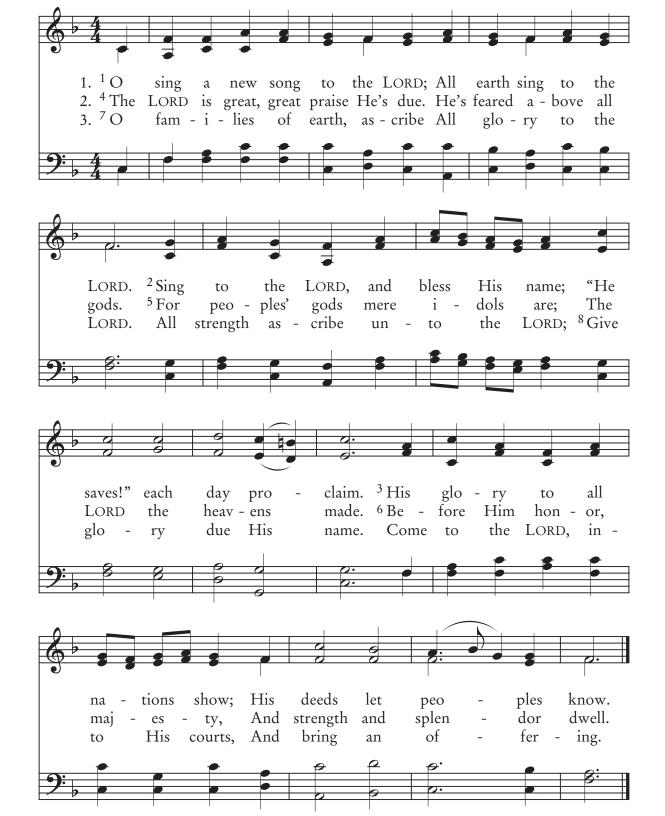
Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:

- The Prelude
- *The Call to Worship
- *The Prayer of Adoration
- - 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.

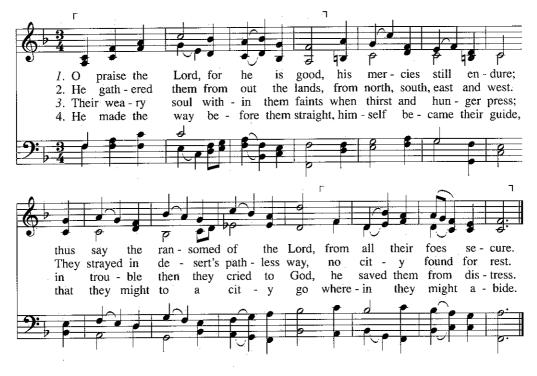
~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~





O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

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



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.

Psalm 107:1-9 Book of Psalms, 1940 BICHMOND C.M. Thomas Haweis, 1794 Arr. by Samuel Webbe, Jr., 1770–1843



Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7. Plainsong, 12th cent. Arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas, 1916

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 tha	at in him we might
become the righteousness of God.	
~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves an	nd Our Needs ~
*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. TH83 "O Praise the Lord	" (Psalm 107:1-9)
The Encouragement to Give	1 Peter 2:24
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we m	ight die to sin and
live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.	-
The Great Prayer	Elder Wil Davis
*The Hymn No. 162	's Love Begotten"
The Sermon	Ryan F. Biese
"Mary's Song: the Great Reversal" Luke 1:46-55 Songs of Christ's A	dvent No. 1 p. 804

SERMON NOTES

I. <u>Introduction</u> A. Mary

B. Reversal

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

II. <u>Main Argument</u>

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

- 1. <u>Mary's Joy (vv. 46-47)</u>
 - a. What does Mary's language teach us about the way we praise God?
 - b. What does Mary mean by soul and spirit?
 - c. <u>Application</u>: *Praise to God ought to come from the heart.*
 - d. How is the word Saviour used in Luke's Gospel?

e. <u>Application</u>: The salvation of God fills His people with joy.

<u>God's Slave (v. 48a)</u>
a. Why does Mary consider the contrast between herself and God?

b. **<u>Application</u>**: *The wickedness of worshipping Mary*.

3. <u>God's People (v. 48b)</u> a. Who is the first to call Mary *blessed*?

b. <u>Application</u>: 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. <u>Strength Demonstrated (vv. 51-52)</u>
 - 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. Overturning Expectations (v. 53)
 - a. How does God defy ordinary religious expectations?
 - b. Why do the *rich* feel entitled?
 - c. <u>Application</u>: *Christ Brings a New Age*.

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

- 1. <u>Servant (v. 54)</u>: 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. <u>Application</u>: *The value of Church history*.

2. <u>God's Covenant (v. 55)</u>: 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

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

JESUS CHRIST:

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, bey, 3. And through all his won-drous child-hood he would hon - or and o -4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem- ing love; that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the 5. Not in ox - en stand-ing by, where laid her ba - by for his а moth - er in а man - ger bed: and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall: watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle love and arms he lay: that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a for bove, we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high; ٦ Mar - y that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle was child. with the poor, and mean, and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho- ly. dren all must mild, o - be - dient, good as Chris- tian chil be he. to the place where he is gone. and he leads his chil-dren on when like stars his chil-dren crowned all in white shall wait a round.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

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Once in Royal David's City



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 11, 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: <u>FPFO.org/give</u>.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule			
The Lord's Day	Wednesday		
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting		
9:45 a.m. Sunday School	5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper		
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship	6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting		
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast	6:30-7:30 p.m. KidsQuest (children)		
WAAK 94.7 FM	6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies		
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	The Kings of Israel (adults)		
(excluding First Sundays)	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			