

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MARCH 6, 2022 | 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 Call to Worship

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

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 441 ..... "Jesus Shall Reign"

## \*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 Presentation of New Members: Mike and Teresa Jennings

- + Biblical Explanation
- + Vows of Membership
- + Prayer
- + Benediction

## \*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.*

\*catholic refers to the universal church; this is to say, the Church is more than FPFO or the PCA.  
This does not refer to the Roman Catholic religion.

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

**The Law of God .....Exodus 20:1–2, 16**

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 bear false witness against your neighbor”

**The Confession of Sin**

*Our Creator and Redeemer, your spoken word brings order, beauty, and light where there is chaos, emptiness, and darkness. We thank you for the power of your word in creating the world and in making us a new creation in Christ.*

*We confess that our words are often riddled with falsehood, misrepresentation, and manipulation. Our lips lie and produce death rather than life, rivalry rather than friendship, and blame rather than repentance.*

*We twist, distort, and dodge the truth in order to justify ourselves, protect our interests, or tear down others. Our love for appearing right has come at the expense of the truth and of the reputation of our fellow image-bearers. Lord, may we love our neighbors as we love ourselves.*

*Forgive us for our words that spread lifelessness and which dishonor you. May the word of Christ dwell in us richly so that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart please you, our Rock and our Redeemer. In the name of Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, we pray.*

**The Assurance of Pardon.....(Psalm 130:7–8)**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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

\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. TH87 .....“The Lord’s My Shepherd” (Psalm 23)

**The Encouragement to Give .....Psalm 96:7-9**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

**The Great Prayer**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

\*The Psalm No. 20 .....“The LORD in Your Distress Attend”

1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD in your dis - tress at - tend; may Ja - cob's  
 2. <sup>3</sup>May he re - gard your sac - ri - fice, and all your  
 3. <sup>5</sup>May we in your sal - va - tion joy, our ban - ners  
 4. <sup>6</sup>And this I know: the LORD will save and his a -

God pro - tect you well, <sup>2</sup>and from his ho - ly  
 of - f'ings bear in mind; <sup>4</sup>O may he grant your  
 raise in God's great name. O may the LORD ful -  
 noint - ed one de - fend with sav - ing might of

place send help and strength - en you from Zi - on's hill.  
 heart's de - sire, ful - fill - ing all that you de - signed.  
 fill your pray'rs and grant you all you ask of him.  
 his right hand, from ho - ly heav'n an an - swer send.

5. <sup>7</sup>In chariots some have confidence,  
 and some in horses take their pride,  
 but we boast only one defense—  
 the name of God, the LORD Most High.

6. <sup>8</sup>Now we arise and stand upright,  
 while they, subdued and helpless, fall.  
<sup>9</sup>O by your hand, LORD, save the king,  
 and may he answer when we call.

SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction:** How does John use the testimony on the Baptizer?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **John, Jesus, and a Jew (vv. 22-26)**

1. Baptizing in the Countryside (v. 22): Who was baptizing?
  - a. Is it certain the baptisms of Jesus and John were by plunging a person into the water?
  - b. **Application:** *The spiritual truth is the critical aspect of baptism*
3. Disputing Disciples (v. 25)
  - a. What is the danger regarding those with a little doctrinal knowledge?
  - b. How does John use the word *Jew*?
4. Defensive Disciples (v. 26): What do we know about the dispute?
  - a. Why are these disciples indignant or upset?
  - b. **Application:** *Do not miss the danger of jealousy*

B. **Jesus: the Bridegroom of Israel**

1. What We Have (v. 27)
  - a. What is the general truth the Baptizer highlights?
  - b. **Application:** *Discontentment is a perennial sin.*

2. The Role of Jesus (vv. 28-29)
  - a. What should John's disciples already know? Why are they uncomfortable with it now?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. **Application: *Some things sound fine when preached, but not so much when they must be put into practice***
  
3. The Office of Jesus (v. 29)
  - a. How does John show the absurdity of his disciples' objection?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How does the Old Testament describe the relationship between Israel and Yahweh as it relates to John's illustration?
  
4. John's Desire (v. 30): How does the Baptizer find his own significance?
  - a. **Application: *Genuine humility is essential.***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. **Application: *Death to self is necessary.***
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. **Application: *Church officers, fathers, and heads of households, etc. derive their authority from God and must exercise it accordingly.***

### **III. Conclusion**

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

\*The Hymn of Approach No. 644....."May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

~ 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"**

## **Ten Commandments of "Progressive Christianity"**

**Adult Sunday School | Starting March 20**

**Nathan Bowers, teacher**

*Each of the commandments of progressivism is partially true, which is what makes "Progressive Christianity" so challenging. Half-truths can sound appealing until you realize their foundations and implications.*

**Congregational Meeting**  
March 20 after PM Worship  
Elder Elections

IMPLEMENTING  
GOD'S WORD

**Basics of a  
Biblical Worldview**  
Youth Sunday School  
Starting March 20  
John Porter, teacher

<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 MARCH 6, 2022

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The service is also live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing greater masking and distancing protocols.

- + If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Mary Lou Wilson.
- + Evening Worship will resume next Lord's Day at 6:00 p.m.
- + There is no Sunday school March 13 due to "Daylight Savings Time."
- + Thank you to all who helped with, hosting, setup, and clean up during our Winter Conference. The video from the conference is available here: [www.fpfo.org/live](http://www.fpfo.org/live)
- + GAG Night (Women's Fellowship) meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

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



FPFO Supported Missionary

**Rev. Ben Kappers**

Church Planter | All Saints Reformed | St. George, UT

Evening Worship | March 13 | 6:00 PM

## 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

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)  
*Galatians* (young women)

\*Livestream available at [www.fpfo.org/live](http://www.fpfo.org/live)

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

Nursery March 6: Rachel Wilson

Nursery March. 13: Sarah Wilson