

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | May 16, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE SESSION

Ryan Biese, Moderator
Herman McConathy, Clerk
David Bosshardt
Wil Davis

THE DIACONATE

Bob Keller, Chairman
Lance Wood, Clerk

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

Recognition of High School GraduateMr. Nathaniel Taylor

***The Call to Worship**

***The Psalm of Praise No. 125....."All Like Mount Zion"**

1. ¹ All, like Mount Zi - on, un - moved shall en - dure
2. ³ No wick - ed rul - er for long will re - main
3. ⁴ LORD, to the good and the up - right in heart,

Whose con - fi - dence in the LORD is se - cure.
O - ver the righ - teous ones' cho - sen do - main,
Show good - ness; ⁵ but make the crook - ed de - part.

² Like hills en - cir - cling Je - ru - s'lem a - round,
Lest righ - teous men yield to e - vil too strong,
All who do e - vil the LORD will ex - pel;

Al - ways the LORD will His peo - ple sur - round.
Put - ting their hands to com - mit what is wrong.
O let Your peace rest up - on Is - ra - el.

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of FaithHeidelberg Catechism No. 35**

Q. What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary”?

A. *That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a true human nature so that he might also become David’s true descendant, like his brothers in all things except for sin.*

The Call to Confession.....Psalm 11:4–5

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, we are undone before you. Our sin is very great. You are all righteousness. You are holy. You are truth.

We confess we are not worthy to approach your throne or call upon your Name because we are so full of sin. You alone know us as we truly are, and we tremble because all our unrighteousness is laid bare before your gaze. We confess we have thought too little about our own sinfulness.

Our hearts wander and yearn after what you have forbidden. Our lips are too slow to speak the truth in love, slow to praise and thank you, and yet speedy to assert our own rights and complain.

We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Please forgive us for our stubbornness and for our lack of love. Please pardon our sin and show mercy to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Corinthians 15:54–57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

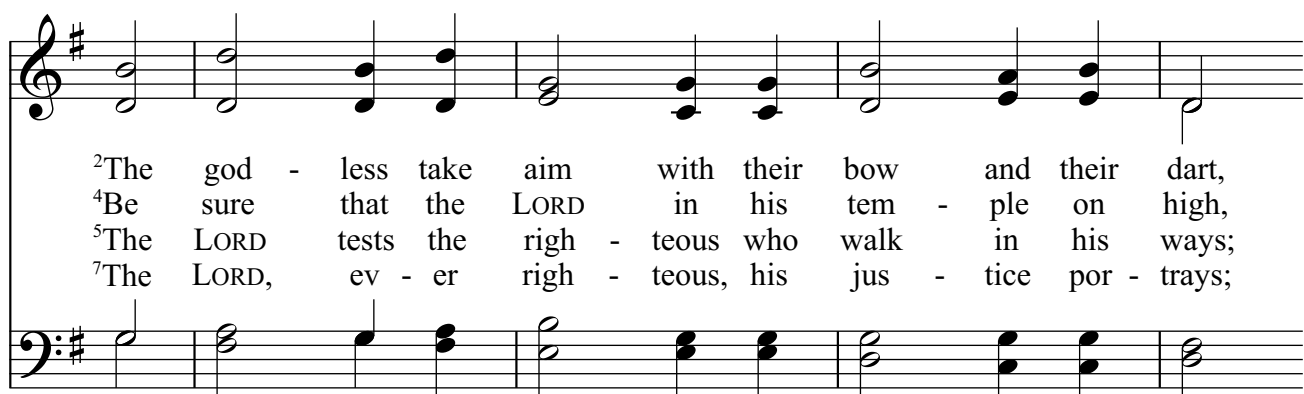
*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 11....."The Lord Is My Refuge"



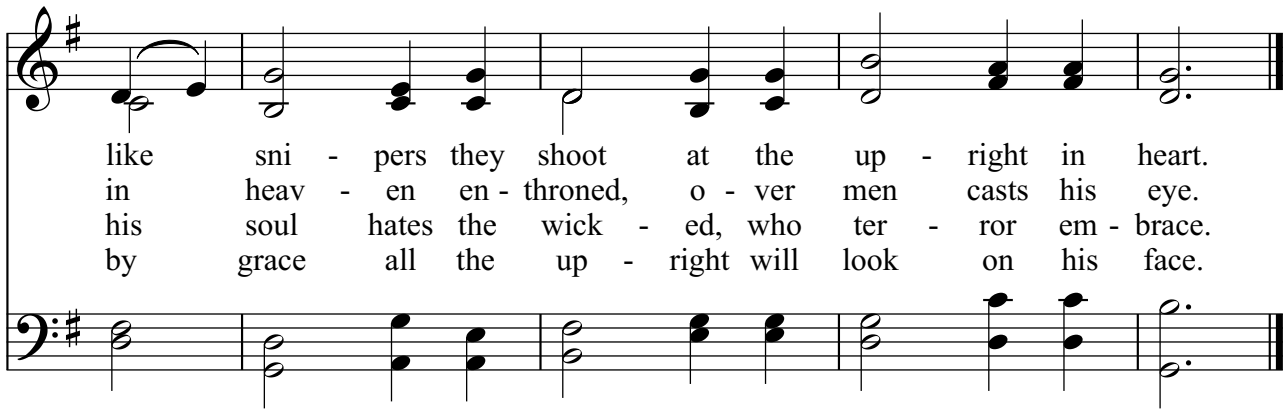
1. ¹The LORD is my ref - uge, how then can you say,
2. ³“When e - vil pre - vails, they foun - da - tions re - move;
3. ⁵The LORD looks on man with his all - search - ing eyes;
4. ⁶The LORD will send judg - ment and pour out hot coals;



“O flee like a bird to your moun - tain a - way.
O what then, O what then, can righ - teous men do?”
his eye - lids ob - serve, and their con - duct he tries.
o'er all the un - god - ly his scorch - ing wind rolls.



²The god - less take aim with their bow and their dart,
⁴Be sure that the LORD in his tem - ple on high,
⁵The LORD tests the righ - teous who walk in his ways;
⁷The LORD, ev - er righ - teous, his jus - tice por - trays;



like snipers they shoot at the upright in heart.
in heaven enthroned, over men casts his eye.
his soul hates the wicked, who terror embrace.
by grace all the upright will look on his face.

The Encouragement to GiveRomans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

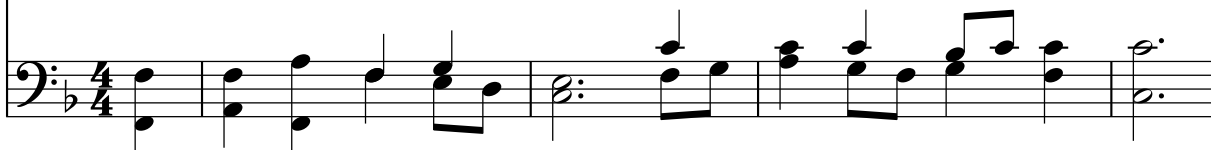
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***The Hymn“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”**



1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
 2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,
 3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 dear as the ap - ple of thine eye and grav - en on thy hand.
 to her my cares and toils be giv'n, 'til toils and cares shall end.
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.



5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,
 our Savior and our King,
 thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
 shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
 to Zion shall be giv'n
 the brightest glories earth can yield,
 and brighter bliss of heav'n.

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“The Blessing of Corporate Worship” | Exodus 25:8-9

I. Introduction:

A. What is the Importance of Corporate Worship

B. What are Five Principles for Worship?

1. True Worship is _____ Worship.

2. True Worship is _____ Worship.
3. True Worship involves _____ coming _____ to _____.
4. True Worship is Possible Because....
5. True Worship is _____ obedient to God's _____.

II. Main Argument

A. Divine Presence (v. 8)

1. Purpose: Why is this building to be constructed?
2. Glory on the Mountain
 - a. What is the promise that keeps recurring in the scripture?

I will be your _____ and you will be My _____.
 - b. How is that promise brought to greater fullness at Sinai?
3. Community Presence
 - a. How will God's presence in the midst of His people be displayed with the building of the Tabernacle?
 - b. What is the main blessing of corporate worship?
 - c. Can private worship or "watching church on TV" or listening to a theology lecture (or podcast!) replace corporate worship?
 - d. Is there spiritual harm caused by long or regular absence from corporate worship?

4. **Application:** Is worship vital to Christian living even when there is the possibility of sickness and death?

- a. What is the harm of absenting oneself from the Lord's Table?
- b. Why should we not absent ourselves from the Lord's Table if we don't feel like we "need communion" that week?
- c. How is the Lord's Table given to remove our anxiety?
- d. Why is corporate worship the Christian's delight?

B. Divine Order (v. 9)

1. Instructive Worship: What was worship designed to teach Israel?
2. Obedient Worship: Why does God have the right to be worshiped in a way that is pleasing to Him?
 - a. How do we know what pleases God in worship?
 - b. Why is *obedient* worship also *liberated* worship?
 - c. **Application:** How does Biblical worship render our preferences increasingly irrelevant?
3. Heavenly Worship:
 - a. What sets the pattern for Israel's Worship?

- 1) Did Moses simply receive a scale model or blueprints for the items Israel was to build?
 - 2) To what did Israel's priesthood correspond?
- b. In what sense were the tabernacle and its furnishing merely copies of something else?

III. **Conclusion**: What is the reason we can enjoy God's presence?

*The Hymn of Commitment....."Join All the Glorious Names"

1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and pow'r,
 2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
 3. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and died;
 4. Thou art my Coun - sel - or, my pat - tern, and my Guide,
 5. My Sav - ior and my Lord, my Con - qu'ror and my King,

that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels ev - er bore: all are too
 by thee the joy - ful news of our sal - va - tion came, the joy - ful
 • my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri - fice be - side: his pow'r - ful
 and thou my Shep - herd art; O keep me near thy side; nor let my
 thy scep - ter and thy sword, thy reign - ing grace, I sing: thine is the

poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.
 news of sins for - giv'n, of hell sub - dued and peace with heav'n.
 • blood did once a - tone and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 feet e'er turn a - stray to wan - der in the crook - ed way.
 pow'r; be - hold I sit in will - ing bonds be - neath thy feet.

The Benediction

***The Response**.....“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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 16, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

Masks are **required** for the 9:15 a.m. Service

The only exceptions are those actively leading a portion of the service and persons ten and under.

Masks are **recommended** for all other activities.

The back two pews of the right section of the auditorium are reserved during evening worship for those following mask and distance public health recommendations. More info @ www.fpfo.org/Mask21.pdf.

What About Nursery? Young children are *always* welcome in worship! However, if parents are more comfortable, a nursery is provided downstairs for children three years old and under in the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Nursery May 16: ***Sarah Wilson*** Nursery May 23: ***Susan Wilson***

If you would like to volunteer to serve in the nursery, contact Mary Lou Wilson.

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship tonight. Please take time this Lord's day afternoon to examine your heart and think on the goodness of God to you in Christ by virtue of His broken body and shed blood.
- + Youth Service and Adventure week is June 7-12. The \$60 registration fee is due by May 30. Please see Sandy Keller or Joe Wilson with any questions.
- + Additional church directories are available. If you would like one, please contact Tami in the church office.

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting **FPFO** to 84576.
- + If you are not currently receiving the weekly prayer list via email and would like to do so, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:15 a.m. Morning Worship
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
(except First Sundays)

Wednesday

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting*
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Kings of Israel (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)
KidsQuest (young children)

*Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live