# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### The Prelude

#### The Announcements

+Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via zoom

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+ Virtual Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

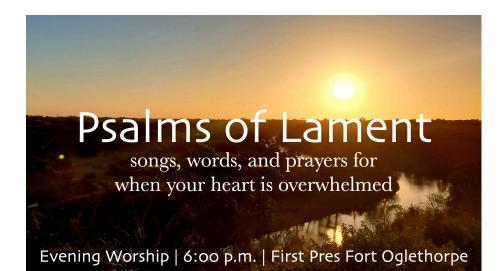
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NOTE: the link will no longer be sent out by text; please use the link provided in the bulletin or save the link from a previous week.

- + Midweek Youth Virtual Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m. https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79795566011?pwd=WXZIRzq2NWZ5dHR0dllDaGUzZkRTQT09
- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting FPFO to 84576
- +Online giving link available on the website: FPFO.org/give
- +Due to the rise in coronavirus cases and hospitalizations locally, masks are required for all who enter the building using common spaces except when leading from the podium or playing a musical instrument. Please also use common sense and decency regarding hygiene and respecting the physical space of others.
- + Please send your hymn requests for evening worship, announcements, and prayer concerns to the church by using the email address: office@FPFO.org.



\*The Call to Worship \*The Opening Psalm ....."The Earth and Its Riches" (Psalm 24)

\*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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;

who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

And I believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.

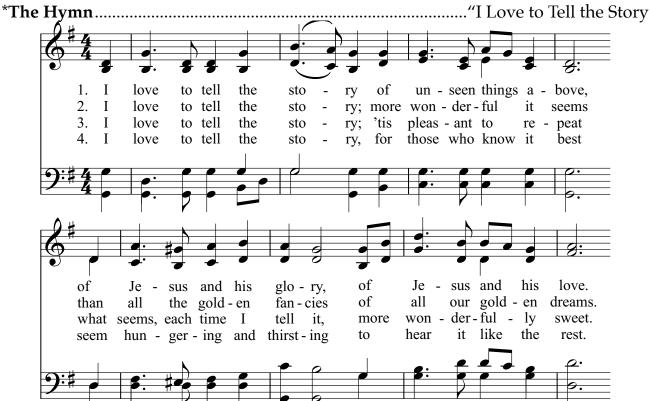


### \*The Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess our sins of unfaithfulness that we have committed against You. We have treated our Saviour in a flippant manner by making little of our sin, and have made His great sacrifice a small thing. We have set our hearts upon the things of this world, desired to be like the world, and have pursued passing pleasures and idols of the heart. Please forgive us for our rebellion, for our adulterous hearts, for our self-centered attitudes, and for forgetting the witness we are to have to the world as the bride of Your Son. Cause our affections to be captivated by Him alone, restore us to the path of righteousness, and draw

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

## The Great Prayer





I. <u>Introduction</u>: How does this chapter form a fitting contrast with the previous chapter?

## II. Main Argument

- A. Family Visit (vv. 1-7)
  - 1. Re-Introduction of Moses' Family (vv. 1-4)
    a. Father-in-Law (v. 1): Who were the Midianites?
    - b. Wife (v. 2): What is the disagreement surrounding when and why Moses sent Zipporah back to her father?

c. Sons (vv. 3-4): How do the names of Moses' children testify to

2. Moses Greets Jethro (vv. 5-7): how does Moses' greeting exceed

normal Ancient Near Eastern hospitality requirements?

B. Testimony and Worship (vv. 8-12)

God's dealings with him?

- 1. Moses Proclaims God's Goodness (v. 8): What does Moses' Godcentered testimony teach us about our own Christian testimony?
- 2. <u>Jethro's Joy (v. 9)</u>
  a. What does the word *joy* or *delight* here convey?
  - b. **Application**: How does the good news of God's saving His people from Egypt relate to the Christian gospel?
  - c. <u>Application</u>: How is proclaiming the gospel the loving thing to do? How does the statement, "preach the gospel at all times, if necessary use words" both silly and unloving?

3. Jethro Blesses God (vv. 10-11): What does Jethro now know? What does that mean? a. **Application**: In what way is the Lord superior in every way?

b. **Application**: Are there areas or desires in your life that suggest

4. Covenant Meal (v. 12) a. What does a "whole burnt offering" signify?

Christ's supremacy is not yet manifest?

b. Why is Jethro's meal with Israel's elders remarkable? c. How does this meal help us to understand the Scripture's

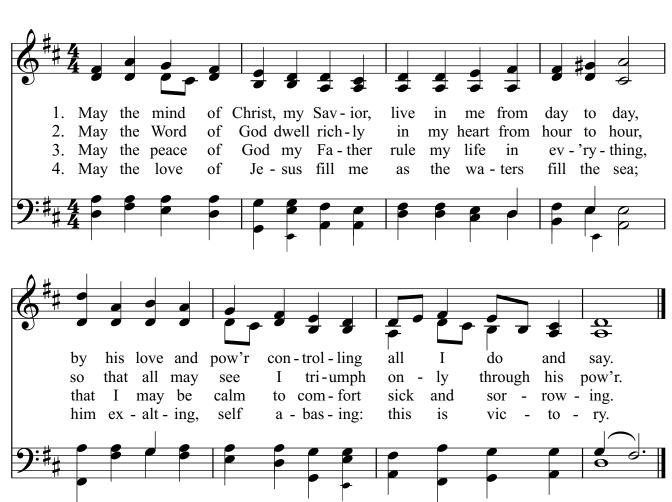
references to and teaching on ethnicity?

- C. Judgment on the Judiciary (vv. 13-18) 1. Moses' Work Day (vv. 13-14): what does Moses do all day?
- 2. Moses Explanation (vv. 15-16): why is Moses' explanation faulty?
- 3. Jethro's Counsel (vv. 17-18): what two reasons does Jethro give for advising Moses to change the way he does things?
- D. Judicial Reforms (vv. 19-27)
- 1. Jethro's Remedy (vv. 19-23) a. How are divine sovereignty and human responsibility intertwined here?

**c. Application**: How does this relate to the eldership today?

- **b.** How are Moses' assistants to be qualified?
- 2. Implementation of Jethro's Advice (vv. 24-26)

\*The Hymn ......"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"



- 5. May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
- 6. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

### \*The Benediction

The Dismissal (9:00 a.m. Service)