

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. | www.FPFO.org | 706.866.2521 | The Lord's Day | July 19, 2020

The Prelude

The Announcements

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75630735827?pwd=S1JnbEszdTNISENXSU8xcXVhRWxhQT09>

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78873686273?>

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Meeting ID: 788 7368 6273 | Meeting Password: 0bD2Ch

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=WxzIRzg2NWZ5dHR0dIIdaGUzZkRTQT09>

+ 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.



Psalms of Lament

songs, words, and prayers for
when your heart is overwhelmed

Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m. | First Pres Fort Oglethorpe

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

1. ¹The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,
 2. ³O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?
 3. ⁵Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;
 4. ⁷O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!
 5. ⁹O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.
 And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?
 • the God of sal - va - tion shall right - eous - ness give.
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!
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²For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,
⁴The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,
 • ⁶Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;
⁸O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?
¹⁰This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?

and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.
 who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.
 • all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.
 The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!
 The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!

*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 us closer to our beloved Saviour and King. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Encouragement to Give.....Deuteronomy 16:17

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

*The Hymn....."I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

I. Introduction: 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 God's dealings with him?

2. Moses Greet Jethro (vv. 5-7): how does Moses' greeting exceed normal Ancient Near Eastern hospitality requirements?

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

1. Moses Proclaims God's Goodness (v. 8): What does Moses' God-centered testimony teach us about our own Christian testimony?

2. Jethro's Joy (v. 9)

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. **Application**: 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 Christ's supremacy is not yet manifest?
4. Covenant Meal (v. 12)
 - a. What does a "whole burnt offering" signify?
 - 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?
 - b. How are Moses' assistants to be qualified?
 - c. **Application**: How does this relate to the eldership today?
2. Implementation of Jethro's Advice (vv. 24-26)

***The Hymn**“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.

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)