

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | OCTOBER 2, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

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. 168....."I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

*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 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.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

The Call to ConfessionIsaiah 45:21-22

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. And yet, we need your help to truly grieve, regret, and mourn our rebellion.

Please fill us with holy fear, give us your grace to amend our lives according to your Word, and restore our souls through Jesus Christ.

Make us as kind and merciful as you are. Let your forgiveness make us willing to forgive every wrong we have suffered, and to seek forgiveness for every wrong that we have done.

Let our love, humility, and generosity be as abundant as our joy. And so firmly root us in the glory and mystery of the Son of God being made flesh for us, that we are empowered by your Spirit to overcome alluring seduction of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ.

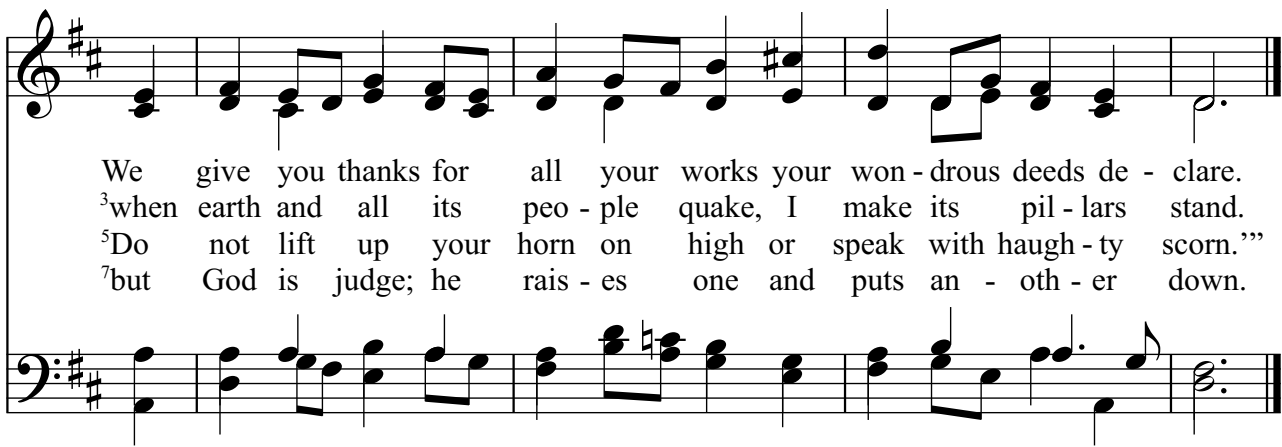
The Assurance of PardonIsaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 75....."We Give You Thanks, O God"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We Give You Thanks, O God". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1. We give you thanks, O God, because your name is near. 2. You say, "I set the time; I judge with even hand; 3. "Boast not" I tell the proud; to vile men, 'Lift no horn. 4. For lift - ing up comes not from east or west or south;



We give you thanks for all your works your won-drous deeds de-clare.
³when earth and all its peo-ple quake, I make its pil-lars stand.
⁵Do not lift up your horn on high or speak with haugh-ty scorn.”
⁷but God is judge; he rais-es one and puts an-oth-er down.

5. ⁸The LORD’s hand holds a cup
 with foaming wine, well-mixed;
 he pours it out, and wicked ones
 must drink it to the dregs.

6. ⁹But I fore’er proclaim,
 and Jacob’s God I’ll praise.
¹⁰The wicked’s horns I will cut off,
 the righteous I will raise.

The Great Prayer

The Offering.....Psalm 96:7-9

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, scribe 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 Hymn No. 508.....“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“True Discipleship” | John 8:31-33 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 42 | Page 841

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Believers? (v. 31)**

1. **Confusion:** Why is what Jesus says initially troubling to many readers?
2. **Jews:** To whom does Jesus usually refer when he says *the Jews*?
3. **Complexity:** How is faith or belief complex in John’s Gospel?

B. **Abide (v. 31)**

1. Sequence of Events: How does Jesus' warning here fit well with the note about *many* having come to believe in Him?
2. Mark of True Discipleship: What is it?
3. **Application**:
 - a. *It is easy to begin religious life.*
 - b. *Genuine believers persevere in His Word...*

C. Knowledge is Freedom (v. 32)

1. Truth & John: How does the concept of *truth* feature in John's Gospel?
2. Faith & Freedom: How is faith more than intellectual?
 - a. What sort of freedom did Jesus come to bring?
 - b. How does Jesus accomplish His deliverance?
 - c. **Application**: *Beware misunderstandings about the freedom Jesus came to give His people.*

D. Freedom Rejected (v. 33)

1. Bitter Protest
 - a. Why is what Jesus says to the people insulting? What has He implied they lack?
 - b. What is the basis of their assumption?
 - c. How is their response ignorant?
2. **Application**
 - a. *The fickleness of false profession.*
 - b. *Jesus confronts our pride, treasures, idols.*

c. *Jesus gives us everything.*

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 420 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

~ 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"

Women's Activities & Events

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



OUR JOY MATTERS TO JESUS

A 9-week study of Philippians to discover
a joy through every circumstance of life

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Contact Hannah Rowan for more details:
336-706-7371

Ladies Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Young Ladies Study

Wednesdays at 6:50 p.m. | Church Library
The Gospel of John

Women in the Church

Women's Planning Council | October 5 | 6:50 p.m.

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for 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 OCTOBER 2, 2022

- + Evening Worship will resume next Lord's Day at 6:00 p.m.
- + There is a Fellowship Lunch following worship today. The Session meeting will begin at 1:05 p.m. in the pastor's study.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship on October 16.
- + Women in the Church Council Meeting October 5 at 6:50 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; the regular adult Bible Study will not meet at that time.

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: FPFO.org/give

Reformation Guest Preacher

The Reverend Doctor Joseph A. Pipa

Morning & Evening Worship on October 16

Sola Scriptura

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

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting
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)
John's Gospel (young women)

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

Nursery Oct 2: M.L. Wilson & A. Wilson

Oct 9: S. Wilson, & A. Bowers