

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | April 11, 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

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise....."Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of FaithHeidelberg Catechism No. 1**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. *That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; Who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.*

The Call to Confession.....1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

The Confession of Sin

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge we deserve nothing less than eternal death.

We continually transgress your commandments, failing to do what you have commanded, and doing that which you have expressly forbidden. We acknowledge our waywardness and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We are not worthy to be called your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to you in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite and so we take courage to call upon you, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

In your mercy, be pleased to forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Cover us with his innocence and righteousness, for the glory of your name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

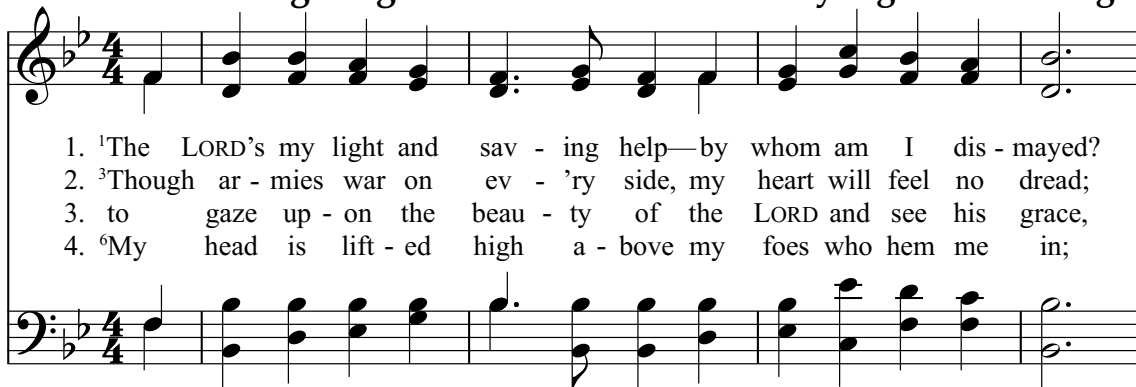
The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

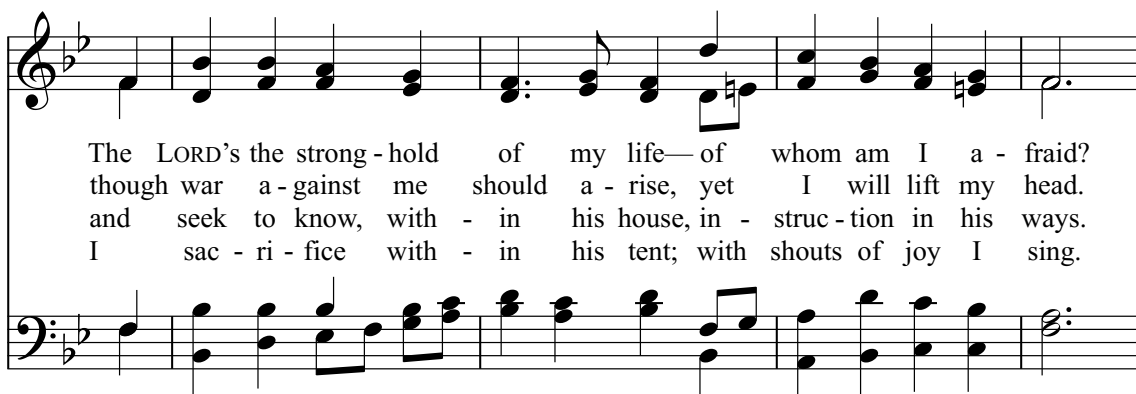
The Assurance of PardonIsaiah 46:3-5

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?

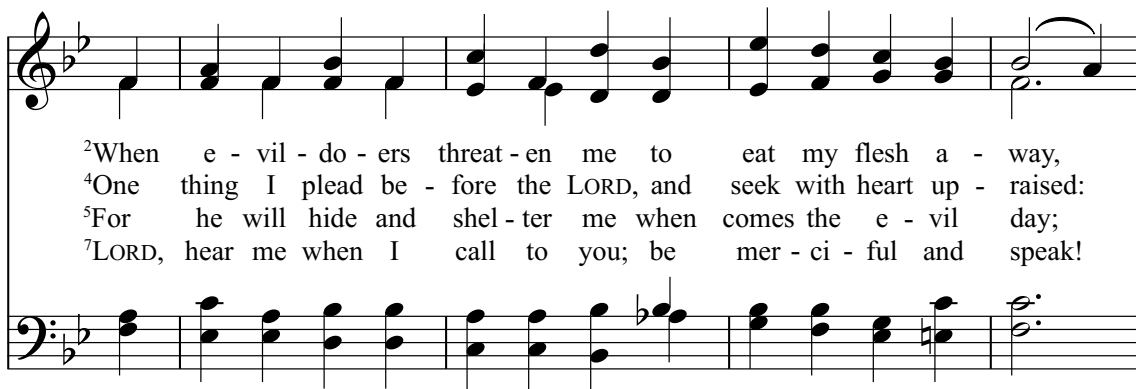
*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 27“The LORD’s My Light and Saving Help”



1. ¹The LORD’s my light and sav - ing help—by whom am I dis - mayed?
2. ³Though ar - mies war on ev - ’ry side, my heart will feel no dread;
3. to gaze up - on the beau - ty of the LORD and see his grace,
4. ⁶My head is lift - ed high a - bove my foes who hem me in;



The LORD’s the strong - hold of my life—of whom am I a - fraid?
though war a - gainst me should a - rise, yet I will lift my head.
and seek to know, with - in his house, in - struc - tion in his ways.
I sac - ri - fice with - in his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.



²When e - vil - do - ers threat - en me to eat my flesh a - way,
⁴One thing I plead be - fore the LORD, and seek with heart up - raised:
⁵For he will hide and shel - ter me when comes the e - vil day;
⁷LORD, hear me when I call to you; be mer - ci - ful and speak!

my ad - ver - sar - ies and my foes will stum - ble in that day.
 that I may come with - in God's house and dwell there all my days—
 he sets me high up - on a rock; his tent will keep me safe.
⁸“Come, seek my face!” you told my heart; your face, LORD, will I seek.

5. ⁹O do not hide your face from me,
 and do not turn aside
 your servant in your righteous wrath,
 for you have been my guide.
 O God my Savior, leave me not;
 do not reject my plea.
¹⁰My parents may forsake me, LORD,
 but you will welcome me.

6. ¹¹O teach your way and lead me, LORD,
 against my enemies.
¹²To false and cruel witnesses,
 do not deliver me.
¹³Yet I am sure that in this life
 God's goodness I will see.
¹⁴Await the LORD; be strong, take heart.
 For him wait patiently.

The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 104:27–30

All look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us via this [link](#) or the QR code below. You can also call (706.866.2521) or email (office@fpfo.org) the church office.



***The Psalm No. 34.....“Through All the Change Scenes of Life”**

1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in trou - ble and in joy,
 2. Of his de - liv - 'rance I will boast, till all that are dis - tressed
 3. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with me ex - alt his name;
 4. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the dwell - ings of the just;

the prais - es of my God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.
 from my ex - am - ple com - fort take, and charm their griefs to rest.
 when in dis - tress to him I called, he to my res - cue came.
 de - liv - 'rance he af - fords to all who on his suc - cor trust.

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| 5. O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blest they are, and only they,
who in his truth confide. | 6. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear:
make you his service your delight;
he'll make your wants his care. |
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The SermonRev. Ryan Biese

“Book of the Covenant: The Angel to Lead You” | Exodus 23:20-33

I. Introduction: What makes God’s covenant exceptional and different from all similar ancient covenant-treaties?

II. Main Argument

A. God Promises to *Bring* Israel into the Land (vv. 20-22)

1. An Angel (v. 20): what other times have angel(s) been present in Exodus so far?

- a. Who is *this* Angel?
- b. How does the Angel prepare the Church for the work of Christ?
- c. **Application:** How is the situation of Israel similar to our present situation as the New Covenant Church?
 - 1) Why does God not remove disappointment, sickness, depression, sin, etc. from Christian experience now?
 - 2) What do we learn about God because He has not removed those elements of Christian experience?

2. A Warning (v. 21)

- a. *Be on Guard:* When was the last time Israel received that instruction? How does this further reveal the Angel's identity?
- b. Why must they not rebel against the Angel?

B. God Promises to *Destroy* Israel's Enemies (vv. 23-24, 27-33)

1. Conquest: Is this simply genocide? What does this demonstrate about God?
2. Warrior:
 - a. *Victory Assured:* How is this an invitation for Israel to renew their faith in God?
 - b. What effect does God's terror have on the Canaanites later?
 - c. Why must Israel not make treaties with the Canaanites?

d. How is this gradual - as opposed to sudden - victory a blessing from God to His Church?

3. Worship: Why is Israel to completely destroy the worship site and worship accessories of the Canaanites?

a. No Participation:

b. No Following:

c. No Emulation:

d. Total Obliteration:

C. God Promises to *Bless* Israel in the Land (vv. 22, 25-26)

1. Obedience Brings Blessing (v. 22)

a. Why is it a blessing to serve a God like this?

b. How is this promise a blessing to God's people in hardship?

2. Reversal of the Curse (vv. 25-26)

a. What are there "echoes" of here?

b. Why were physical blessings and curses more immediately linked to behavior under the Old Covenant than the New?

c. How are these particular blessings targeted at false gods?

3. Complete Obedience Vital

- a. What would tempt Israel to settle for partial victory and render partial obedience in the Promised Land?
- b. **Application:** Recognize and defend against the danger of settling for partial spiritual victories.
- c. **Application:** How does the toleration of a small sin impact the whole person?

4. Israel's Complete and Utter Failure: What are some examples

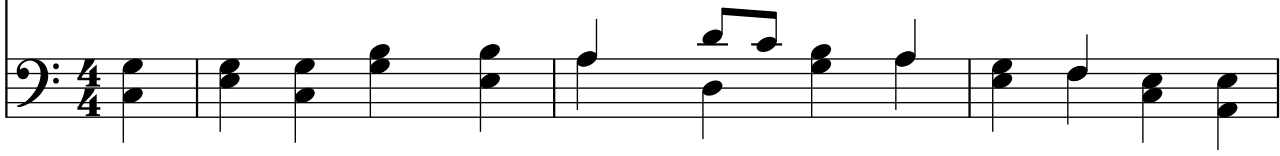
- a. The Golden Calf (Exod. 32)
- b. Refusal to Enter the Land (Num. 14)
- c. Treaty with Gibeon (Josh. 9)

III. Conclusion: Why is it so necessary that God's Angel bring His people into the Promised Land?

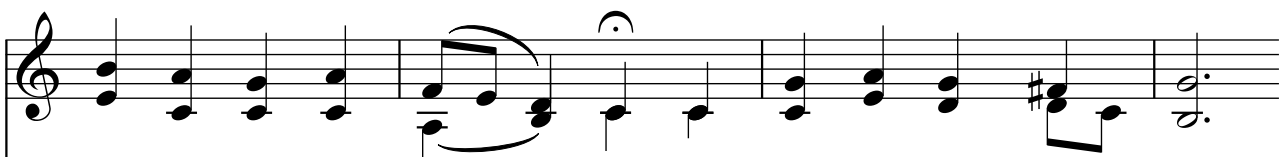
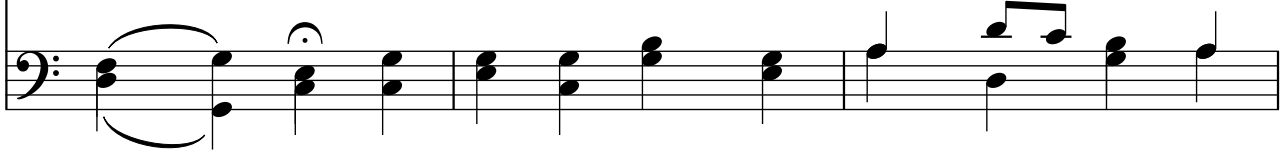
*The Hymn of Commitment....."A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



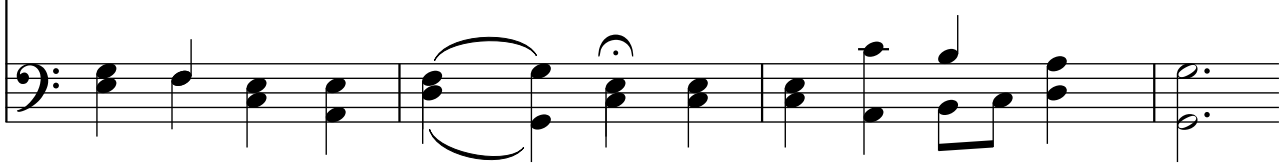
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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.*

O CHURCH, ARISE:
 Conference Simulcast at FPFO

Wednesday, May 5

- 11:00 a.m. *Truths We Confess: Confessional Integrity & the PCA* | David Strain
- 12:15 p.m. *The Puritans & Old Paths of Piety* | Joel Beeke
- 1:15 p.m. LUNCH (provided by FPFO; please register with the church office)
- 3:45 p.m. *Worship Reformed According to Scripture* | David McWilliams
- 6:15 p.m. SUPPER (provided by FPFO; please register with the church office)
- 7:15 p.m. *A Faith Worth Fighting For: the future of the PCA* | Jon Payne
- 8:30 p.m. *Christ's Church: Mission, Message, Ministry* | Harry Reeder

Events continue on May 6 at 10:30 a.m.; please see the poster for the full schedule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL II, 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 the 10:45 a.m. Service and 6 p.m. Evening Worship

For more information please visit the church website: 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 April 11: **Mary Lou Wilson** Nursery April 18: **Sarah Wilson**

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

+ Please mark your calendars for May 5 and 6 when the Gospel Reformation Network's *O Church, Arise* conference will be simulcasted here at FPFO. This conference will be an encouraging time to consider the beauty of our identity and mission as members of Christ's body in the midst of cultural challenges.

+ Beginning this Lord's Day evening, the left front section of the auditorium will be reserved for those advised to wear masks during the worship service.

+ The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship next Lord's Day. Be preparing your heart to commune with Christ by faith in the coming week.

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