

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | AUGUST 15, 2021 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

### \*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 598 .....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

### \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith .....Heidelberg Catechism No. 55

Q. What do you understand by *the communion of saints*?

A. *First, that believers one and all, as members of Christ the Lord, have communion with him and share in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.*

The Call to Confession.....Psalm 95:6–11

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

### The Confession of Sin

*Almighty God, whose steadfast love never ceases, hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and as we earnestly and honestly seek your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy law in word and in deed, and we have eagerly succumbed to the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others.*

*Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father. And enable us, from this point forward, to serve you, please you, to hear your voice, and to bring honor to your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### The Silent Confession

**The Assurance of Pardon.....1 John 1:7-9**

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 551....."How Blest Is He" (Psalm 32)**

**The Encouragement to Give.....2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**~ 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:*



**~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~**

**\*The Psalm No. 115 ..... "Not to Us, LORD"**

1. <sup>1</sup>Not to us, LORD, not to us— to your name be all the praise,  
 2. <sup>4</sup>Hea - then gods are sil - ver, gold, works of hu - man art - ist - ry.  
 3. <sup>8</sup>Those who make and trust in them soon grow like the gods they mold.  
 4. <sup>12</sup>God the LORD re - mem - bers us, and his peo - ple he will bless.  
 5. <sup>15</sup>Blest are you by God the LORD, Mak - er of the earth and heav'n!

for your cov - 'nant faith - ful - ness, for your stead - fast love and grace.  
<sup>5</sup>They have mouths, but do not speak. They have eyes, but do not see.  
 • <sup>9</sup>House of Is - r'el, trust the LORD, for he is their help and shield.  
 He will bless all Is - r'el's house, he will bless all Aa - ron's house.  
<sup>16</sup>High - est heavn's be - long to him, but to man the earth was giv'n.

<sup>2</sup>Why should all the na - tions say, "Where now is their God of might?"  
<sup>6</sup>They have ears, but do not hear; nos - es, but no scent have found;  
 • <sup>10</sup>House of Aa - ron, trust the LORD, for he is their help and shield.  
<sup>13</sup>Those who fear him, great and small, he with bless - ings will re - ward.  
<sup>17</sup>Though the dead to si - lence go, though the dead praise not the LORD,

<sup>3</sup>He will do what he de - sires. In the heav'ns our God re - sides.  
<sup>7</sup>help - less hands and use - less feet, throats that ut - ter not a sound.  
 • <sup>11</sup>You who fear him, trust the LORD, for he is their help and shield.  
<sup>14</sup>May you and your chil - dren grow; may the LORD in - crease you more.  
<sup>18</sup>we will hence - forth bless the LORD. Praise the LORD for - ev - er - more.

SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction:**

**A. What has been Aaron’s motivation?**

**B. How does Aaron’s pleading with Moses differ from Moses’ pleading with God for Israel?**

II. **Main Argument**

**A. What Sin Does (vv. 15-20)**

1. Down the Mountain (vv. 15-18): sin cannot be hidden from God

a. Where did the Tablets of Testimony come from?

b. In what contexts does Moses represent God or Israel?

c. **Application:** how does this warn us about the seriousness of sin?

2. Sin Destroys Fellowship with God (v. 19)

a. Is Moses simply being petulant or dramatic by smashing the tablets?

b. What three things are indicated by the broken tablets?

1) Israel has broken \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Israel is entitled to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Israel has \_\_\_\_\_ their relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Sin Corrupts to the Heart (v. 20)

a. What is the second sign-act of Moses?

b. **Application:** what is Moses teaching Israel (and us) by doing this?

## **B. How Sin Deceives (vv. 21-24)**

1. Moses' Question (v. 21)

a. Is Moses being sympathetic or sarcastic here?

b. What has Aaron brought upon Israel? How is this expression used in other places of scripture or legal documents?

2. Aaron's Excuse (v. 22): what is Aaron's first tactic to justify his actions?

a. Was Aaron leading Israel in the worship of another god here?

b. What was Aaron's goal in making the golden calf?

3. Israel's Demand (v. 23): what is Aaron's second tactic to justify himself?

a. What is Israel like?

b. **Application:** how can difficulty, unprecedented circumstances, or spiritual uncertainty lead to innovation, compromise, and pragmatism?

c. **Application:** how does this episode highlight the importance of church officers holding God's people accountable even in unprecedented or troubled times?

4. Aaron's Myth (v. 24): what is Aaron's third attempt to explain himself?

a. How does this reveal the stupefying impact of sin?

b. **Application:** why is Aaron's attitude one that brings grave danger?

III. **Conclusion:** where can freedom from guilt and condemnation be found?

\*The Hymn of Praise....."Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.



**The Benediction**

**\*The Response**.....**"The 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 AUGUST 15, 2021

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The back two rows of the middle section are reserved for people wearing masks (covering mouth and nose) for the entirety of the worship service as well as immediately before and after.  
All other seats are open to all regardless of masking or other preferences.

- + Interested in serving as a Sunday school teacher? Please attend a *short* (exceedingly brief) meeting after morning worship on August 22 in the library.
- + If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Mary Lou Wilson. Adults and teens are needed to help care for young children during morning worship.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of worship this evening. Please be preparing your heart to commune with Christ and His people tonight.

## Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + 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](mailto: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](http://FPFO.org/give).

## Sunday School Resumes September 5 at 9:45!

**Pre-Kindergarten** (Ages 3-5)  
(Downstairs | Room 5)

**Lower Elementary** (Ages 6-8)  
(Downstairs | Room 2)

**Upper Elementary** (Ages 9-11)  
(Main Level | Library)

**Communicants Class**  
(Main Level | Small Parlor)

**Youth** (Ages 12-18)  
(Upstairs | Youth Lounge)

**College & Career** (Young Adult)  
(Main Level | Church Parlor)

**Adult Class** (Main Level | Class Room 0)

## 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  
(except First Sundays)

### Wednesday

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)  
*Galatians* (young women)

\*Livestream available at [www.fpfo.org/live](http://www.fpfo.org/live)

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

Nursery August 15: Susan Wilson

Nursery August 22: Julia Porter