

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | APRIL 3, 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. 660 "O God Beyond All Praising"

*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. 40 "I Hid Not in My Heart" (Ps. 40:10-17)

5. ¹⁰ I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;
6. ¹² E - vils too great to count Have tak - en hold of me.
7. ¹³ Come to my res - cue, LORD; O LORD, make haste to help.
8. ¹⁶ Let all those seek - ing You Glad - ly re - joice in You,

In the as - sem - bly great I preached Your faith - ful - ness.
 My sins close in on me So that I can - not see.
 14 Let all who seek my life Be shamed and be con - fused.
 Who Your sal - va - tion love Say, "Glo - ry to the LORD!"

11 You'll not with - hold from me Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD;
 They are more nu - mer - ous Than hairs up - on my head.
 Let them fall back in shame Who want to see my hurt.
 17 May the Lord think of me; I suf - fer pain and want.

And Your un - fail - ing love Will ev - er keep me safe.
 My heart now fails in me; My cour - age melts a - way.
 15 Let them be put to shame Who taunt and jeer at me.
 My Help, my Sav - ior, come! My God, do not de - lay!

The Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:7

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

The Great Prayer

*The Hymn No. 94.....“How Firm a Foundation”

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“He Came to His Own” | John 4:43-54 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 20 | Page 836

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**: What sort of faith does John desire his readers to have?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Honor (vv. 43-45)**

1. Samaria (v. 43): What was noteworthy about Jesus’ visit to Samaria?

2. Galilee (vv. 44-45): Where does a prophet have no honor?

a. **Application**: *Why was it important that Jesus was rejected?*

b. Welcome: Why is John not impressed or encouraged by this?

3. **Application**: *Jesus must be received as He is.*

B. **Trouble (vv. 46-48)**

1. Miracle Worker (v. 46): How does the reference to the first miracle at Cana give context for this episode?

2. Sick Son (vv. 46b-47): What sort of person is the boy’s father?

a. Why is it better to translate the request as *was begging*?

b. What does the man know about Jesus initially?

3. Rebuke (v. 48)

- a. Against whom is this rebuke by Jesus?
- b. Why is the Galilean response to Jesus unacceptable, disappointing?
- c. What are *signs* and what are *wonders*?

4. **Application: Beware the danger of short-term benefits.**

C. Faith (vv. 49-54)

1. **Undeterred**

- a. What indication do we have the father did not interpret Jesus' rebuke as against him personally or overly harsh?
- b. What similarities and differences are there between this episode and the healing of the Centurion's servant?

2. **Kindness (v. 50)**

- a. How does Jesus expand the man's spiritual perception?

b. **Application: Consider the kindness of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3. **Trust (vv. 50b-52)**

- a. Where does the man place his faith?

b. **Application: Our faith must be in the same place as this man's faith: God's _____.**

4. **Salvation (vv. 53-54)**: What does the man believe now?

- a. How did the man's household respond?

b. **Application: Saving faith does not hide God's goodness in the heart.**

c. Application: What are benefits in and through affliction?

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 181....."We Come, O Christ, to You"

~ 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"

It's back: the annual FPFO

Brunch

April 17 | 9:30 a.m. | Bring a dish to share

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 APRIL 3, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The service is live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing masking and distancing protocols. The last pew is also reserved for those wearing masks.

- + Evening Worship will resume next Lord's Day at 6:00 p.m.
- + After lunch **today** there will be a presentation from the church officers regarding the renovations to the auditorium coming this spring.
- + There will be no Sunday school April 17, 2022 in light of the Annual FPFO Congregation Brunch. Please bring something "brunchy" to share.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship on April 17.
- + Women in the Church meeting Wednesday evening from 6:50-7:30; the men will be teaching the young children that Wednesday night. The Youth and Young Adults will be going to Battlewood/The Crossings Apartments for outreach.

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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.fpfo.org/give)

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

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

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

Nursery April 3: Emma Wilson

Nursery April 10: Mary Lou Wilson