

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | February 14, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE SESSION

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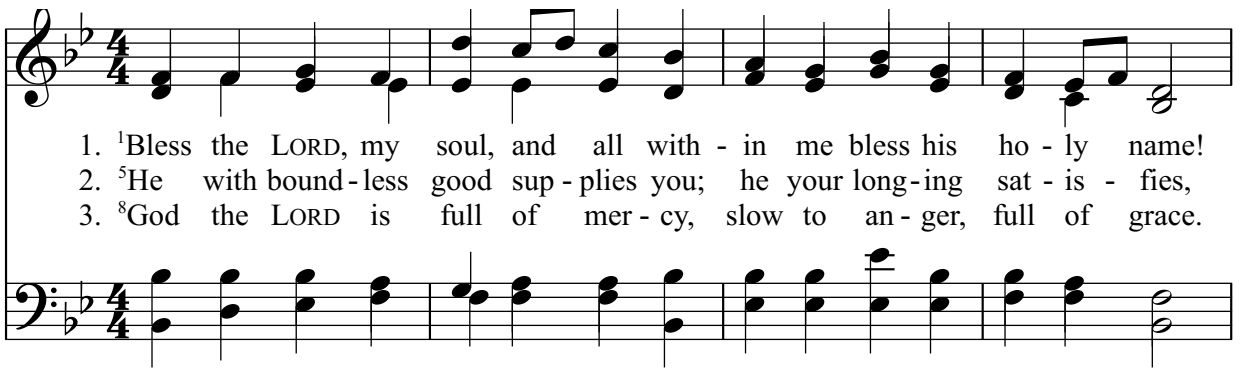
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

~ We Respond to God's Call to Worship Him ~

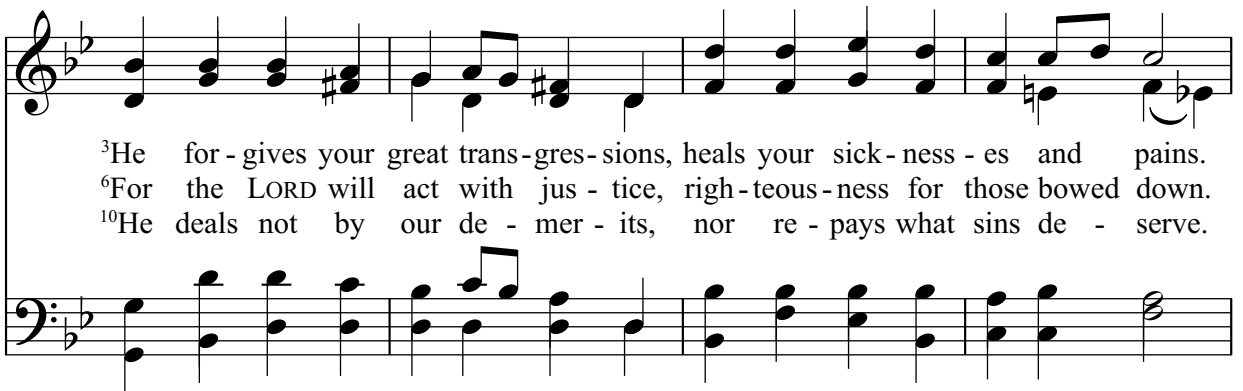
***The Psalm of Praise No. 103** "Bless the LORD, My Soul"



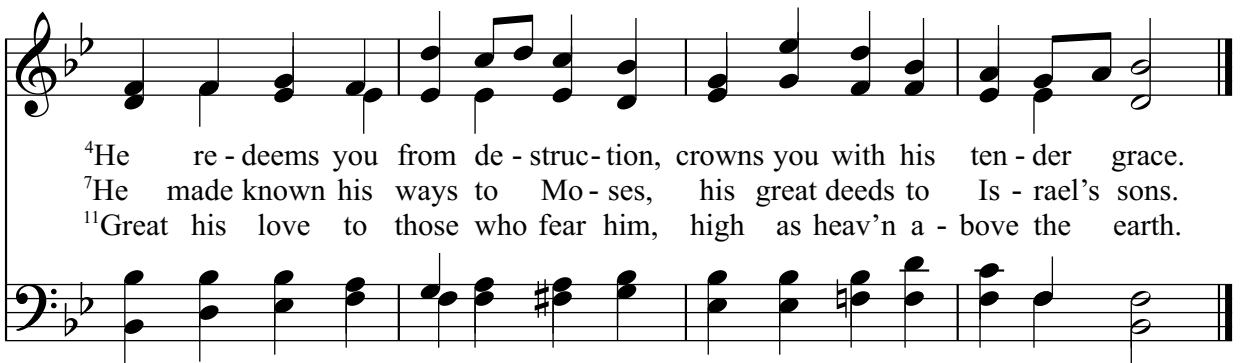
1. ¹Bless the LORD, my soul, and all with - in me bless his ho - ly name!
2. ⁵He with bound - less good sup - plies you; he your long - ing sat - is - fies,
3. ⁸God the LORD is full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger, full of grace.



²Bless the LORD, my soul. For - get not all his bless - ings to pro - claim.
then, like ea - gle's strength re - new - ing, God with good your youth re - vives.
⁹He will not be al - ways chid - ing, nor in an - ger hide his face.



³He for - gives your great trans - gres - sions, heals your sick - ness - es and pains.
⁶For the LORD will act with jus - tice, righ - teous - ness for those bowed down.
¹⁰He deals not by our de - mer - its, nor re - pays what sins de - serve.



⁴He re - deems you from de - struc - tion, crowns you with his ten - der grace.
⁷He made known his ways to Mo - ses, his great deeds to Is - rael's sons.
¹¹Great his love to those who fear him, high as heav'n a - bove the earth.

4. Far as east from west is distant, he from sin has set us free.
As a father loves his children feeling pity for their need,
So the LORD in great compassion comforts those who fear his name.
He remembers we are dust, and he knows well our feeble frame.

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith.....Heidelberg Catechism No. 60**

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me – if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

The Call to ConfessionRevelation 2:3–5

I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all those who call upon You: hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our rebellion and failures toward You, Your Holy church, and our fellow men.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonRomans 3:23-25

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 67“O God to Us Show Mercy”

1. ¹O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace;
2. ³O God, let all men praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
3. ⁵O God, let peo - ple praise you, let all the na - tions sing,

cause now to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
⁴in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring;
⁶for earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit shall bring.

²that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
for you shall judge the peo - ple in truth and righ - teous - ness,
⁷The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall bless - ing send,



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
 and through the earth the na - tions shall your just rule con - fess.
 and all the earth shall fear him to its re - mot - est end.

The Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

The Great Prayer

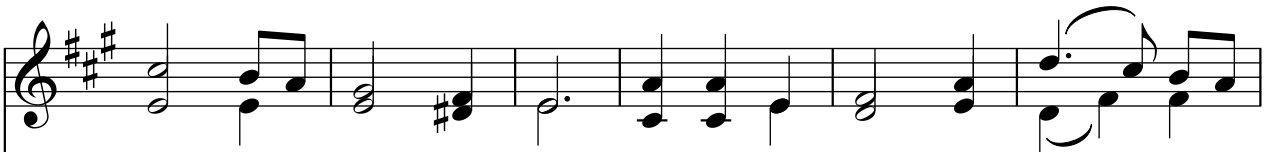
Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us via this [link](#) or the QR code below. You can also call (706.866.2521) or email (office@fpfo.org) the church office.



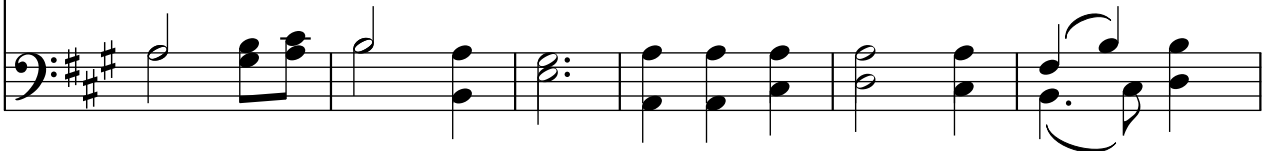
***The Hymn....."Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet"**



1. Je - sus, wher - e'er your peo - ple meet, there they be -
2. For you, with - in no walls con - fined, are dwell - ing
3. Dear Shep - herd of your cho - sen few, your for - mer
4. Here may we prove the pow'r of pray'r to streng - then
5. Lord, we are few, but you are near; nor short your



hold your mer - cy seat; wher - e'er they seek you, you are
in the hum - ble mind; such ev - er bring you where they
• mer - cies here re - new; here to our wait - ing hearts pro -
faith and sweet - en care, to teach our faint de - sires to
arm, nor deaf your ear; O rend the heav'ns, come quick - ly



found, and ev - 'ry place is hal - lowed ground.
come, and go - ing, take you to their home.
• claim the sweet - ness of your sav - ing name.
rise, and bring all heav'n be - fore our eyes.
down, and make a thou - sand hearts your own.



I. Introduction

A. Why should we not skip over this section?

B. How is the *Book of the Covenant* different from the *Decalogue*?

C. In what sense are the rules given here temporary and in what sense do they continue to have application in the New Covenant?

II. Main Argument

A. The Medium is the Message (vv. 22-23)

1. You Saw Nothing (v. 22a): Is Moses simply being careless with his idioms here?

a. What explicit point does God make about this in Deut. 4?

b. **Application**: How is seeing nothing profoundly instructive?

c. ***Abiding Principle No. 1***: **True worship of the True and Living God is word-centered and word-dependent, not simply word-based or word-informed.**

2. Transcendent God (vv. 22b-23): What about God was revealed by the seismic events accompanying His appearance?

a. From where did God speak to Israel and Moses?

(1) How does this ordinance differ slightly from the Second Commandment?

(2) **Application**: What happens to us when we use an image to represent or remind us of God?

(3) ***Abiding Principle No. 2***: **God is not the sort of deity who can be adequately represented in physical forms.**

(4) ***Abiding Principle No 3***: **God is not to be worshiped alongside of any other deity.**

B. Reconciliation Provided (v. 24)

1. History Matters: What three things has God done in Exodus so far?
2. Offerings: Why does God and must God give Israel a means of bringing offerings to Him now?
3. Whole Burnt Offerings
 - a. What was God teaching and showing Israel in this particular sacrifice? What was the worshiper acknowledging?
 - b. Why was the sacrifice completely consumed in the fire?
4. Peace Offerings: What was the worshiper celebrating and acknowledging in this sacrifice?
5. **Application**: What is the relevance of these sacrifices to New Covenant believers in Christ?
 - a. ***Abiding Principle No. 4***: **God is the one who provides atonement for His people.**
 - b. How is God showing His love for His people in these sacrifices?

C. Lawful Worship (vv. 24a, 25-26)

1. The Right Sort of Originality (vv. 24a, 25): What sort of originality does God not want in His worship, and what does He want instead?
 - a. What was Canaanite or Egyptian worship like? How is biblical worship to be different?
 - b. In what sense were Hebrew altars similar to a BBQ grill?
 - c. Why does God forbid Israel to use tools when making altars?
 - d. ***Abiding Principle No. 5: God's people are to worship Him according to what He has commanded and not by what their culture finds meaningful or spiritually interesting.***
 - (1) How does this remind us of the pervasiveness of human depravity?
 - (2) ***Application:*** Does this mean Biblical Worship, Reformed Worship is to be unconcerned about reaching the culture?
2. No Steps, No Nudity (v. 26): How is this another instance of Biblical Worship being different from the practices of Israel's neighbors?
 - a. Does God contradict Himself later?
 - b. ***Abiding Principle No. 6: Those who worship, especially those who lead in worship, must do so with an holy frame of mind.***
3. Worship is About God: How is an altar made out of rough stones or dirt worthy of the God of Heaven and Earth?

a. What should the worshiper notice about what is *not* on top of the altar?

b. How does this plain worship exalt God?

c. ***Abiding Principle No. 7: The True Worship of God is Simple.***

4. **Application**: What is necessary for Biblical Worship?

a. What is a good “test” to see if a worship service, worship theology is consistent with Biblical principles?

b. **Abiding Principle No. 8: True Worship is about God and what He has done in Christ; anything that distracts our focus away from hearing and telling what God has done is unwelcome because worship is about communion with God.**

*The Hymn of Commitment “There Is a Redeemer”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "There Is a Redeemer". 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 clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first line of the melody is circled, and the first line of the bass line is also circled. The lyrics are:

1. There is a Re - deem - er - Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, And

leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

***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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 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! Yes, even noisy ones. Yet, if parents prefer there is a nursery available in the lower level of the “new” building. We regret - due to the public health situation - the nursery is not staffed, but the 10:45 a.m. service is live-streamed to the nursery.

- + The shelves above the mailboxes and coat racks will be “decluttered” soon. If you have been using that space as storage, please collect your items by Feb. 21.
- + Officer nomination forms are available on the table outside the auditorium. Completed forms may be submitted in the offering plate or to the church office.

Help Needed!

Hopefully the new floor will be installed in the library by Wednesday. Assistance is needed moving furniture back into the library.

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 able to support the church in her worship and work, you can do so by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office or by giving online: www.FPFO.org/give.
- + Weekly livestream services can be found on the church website: FPFO.org/live.

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting*
6:50 p.m. Classes & Studies
All to God's Glory (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)
KidsQuest (young children)

*Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live