

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 12, 2021 | 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. 218....."Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*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 Heidelberg Catechism No. 31

Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"

A. *Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the deliverance he has won for us.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess their Sins ~

The Call to ConfessionPsalm 104:33-35

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

The Confession of Sin

O most great, most just, and gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; And yet You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him.

We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused Your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first Your kingdom. You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in Him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.

Please have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, and in the end receive us into Your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 104 "Bless the LORD, My Soul!"



1. ¹Bless the LORD, my soul! O LORD my God, you are so ver - y great.
2. He makes clouds of heav'n his char - iot; on the wings of wind he rides.
3. ⁷But when you re - buked the wa - ters, at your thun - der they took flight;
4. ¹⁰God makes springs pour down the val - leys. Streams that flow from ev - 'ry hill
5. ¹⁴He makes grass to grow for cat - tle, plants for man to cul - ti - vate—



²You are clothed with glo-rious beau-ty, wrapped in robes of ho-ly light.
⁴He makes flames of fire his ser-vants; winds o-bey what he de-cides.
 • ⁸they re-ced-ed to the val-leys, flow-ing down the moun-tains' height.
¹¹quench the thirst of all his crea-tures, roam-ing don-keys drink their fill.
 bring-ing from the earth its pro-duce, food for all man-kind to eat.

He who stretch-es out the heav-ens, like a cur-tain vast and wide,
⁵He es-tab-lished earth's foun-da-tions, sure-ly it can-not be moved,
 • Flow-ing to their place ap-point-ed, ⁹you set bounds where they re-main;
¹²Birds of heav-en dwell be-side them, sweet-ly sing-ing in the trees.
¹⁵He makes wine to cheer the peo-ple, bring-ing joy to each man's heart,

³builds his great ce-les-tial cham-bers on the heav'n-ly wa-ters high.
⁶cov-ered it with seas like cloth-ing; moun-tains 'neath the wa-ters stood.
 • nev-er shall the might-y wa-ters o-ver-whelm the land a-gain.
¹³From a-bove, you wa-ter moun-tains, fill-ing earth with fruit-ful deeds.
 oil that makes his face re-splen-dent, bread that strength and health im-part.

The Encouragement to Give 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

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. 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.

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

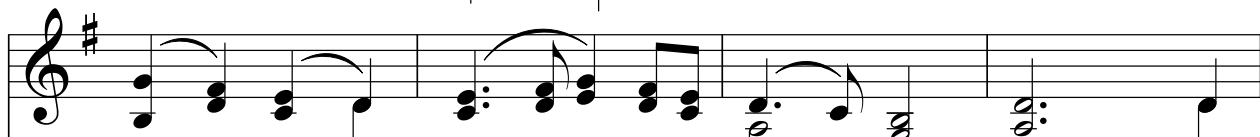
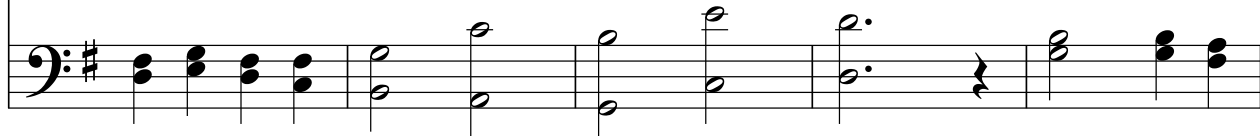
***The Hymn....."Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"**



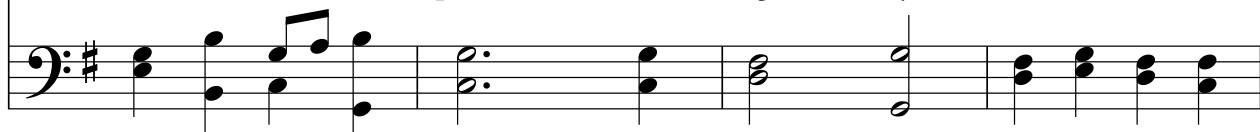
1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,
3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain,
4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
5. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore Thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand
robed in dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who
heav'n and earth, shall flee a - way; all who
see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear! And His
high on Thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,



thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the
set at naught and sold Him, pierced, and
hate Him must, con - found - ed, hear the
saints, by men re - ject - ed, com - ing
take the pow'r and glo - ry, claim the



tri - umph of His train. Al - le -
 nailed Him to the tree, deep - ly
 trump pro - claim the day: Come to
 with Him in the air. Al - le -
 king - dom for Thine own: O come

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come to
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 quick - ly, O come quick - ly, O come

lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**: What is the unifying theme in the events in John Chapters 2-4?

II. **Main Argument**

A. No Wine (vv. 1-3)

1. Third Day (v. 1): What day is it?

a. What is the point of this strange time reference?

b. How do these events foreshadow Christ’s Second Advent?

2. Wedding Feast (v. 2): What was a wedding feast like in this time?

3. **Application**

a. *Jesus No Ascetic Hermit*

b. *The Dignity of Marriage*

4. Trouble (v. 3): What does Mary expect Jesus to do about the problem?

B. Not Time (vv. 4-5)

1. Woman (v. 4a): How does Jesus emphasize the change in relationship that has taken place now that He has entered His public ministry?

2. Hour (v. 4b): To what *hour* does Jesus refer? What will characterize this time?

3. Honor (v. 5): How does Mary show her acceptance?

4. **Application**

a. ***All Glory to Christ***

b. ***The Glory of Christ’s Return***

C. No Lack (vv. 6-10)

1. Six Jars (vv. 6-7): What was the purpose of the jars?

2. Hidden Miracle (vv. 8-9)

3. Abundance (v. 10)

4. **Application**

a. ***The Good Jesus Provides***

b. ***The Blessing Jesus Gives***

c. ***The Provision Jesus Makes***

D. Glory (v. 11)

1. Significance: Why does John call this a *sign*?

2. Faith: How does this advance the purpose of John’s Gospel?

III. Conclusion

~ God’s People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 34.....“The God of Abraham Praise”

~ God Blesses His People ~

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 DECEMBER 12, 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 while seated or standing there. The service is also live-streamed to the adult Sunday school room for those observing greater masking and distancing protocols.

- + Nominations for men to serve in the office of Ruling Elder will be opened during the month of January. Please be praying the Lord will raise up additional men to serve on the Session and for Him to reveal to us clearly those whom He has called.
- + Evening Worship resumes this Lord's day at 6:00 p.m. in Romans 3:21-31. Next week, the Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship.
- + There will be no Midweek Activities Dec. 22-Jan. 5; Sunday School will be on break December 26-January 2. The normal activity schedule will resume Jan. 9.

Save the Date:

February 26-27 | Rev. David Strain | Winter Conference | "Seeking Revival"

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.
- + 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).

Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons & Carols

Friday, Dec. 24 @ 4:00 p.m.

We reflect again together on the faithfulness of God in sending His Son to save His people from their sins, and we respond in grateful praise.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule (see p. 7 for the revised holiday 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 Dec 12: Rachel Wilson

Nursery Dec. 19: Sarah Wilson