

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

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

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THE SESSION

Ryan Biese, Moderator
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David Bosshardt
Wil Davis

THE DIACONATE

Bob Keller, Chairman
Lance Wood, Clerk

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

***The Call to Worship**

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

***The Hymn of Praise....."Thine Be the Glory"**

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son: end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of FaithWestminster Shorter Catechism No. 85**

Q. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

The Call to ConfessionJohn 10:18

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.

The Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge and confess before Your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress Your holy commandments without end. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death.

O Lord, with sadness we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways begging that Your grace may relieve our distress.

O most gracious God: be pleased to have compassion upon us, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who laid down His life for us.

And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit; please enable our hearts to recognize our own unrighteousness so we may be filled with sorrow that works true and lasting repentance.

Grant that Your Spirit, killing all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ.

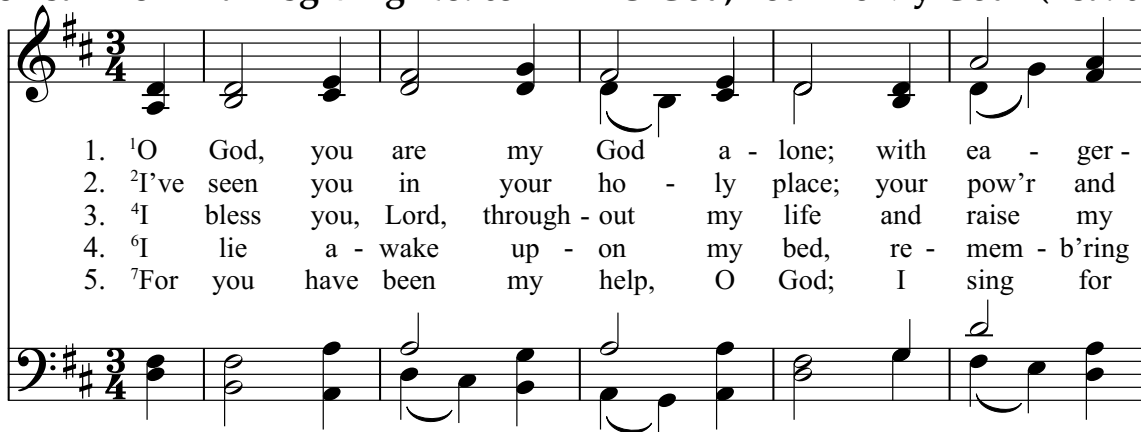
The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of PardonJohn 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 63.....“O God, You Are My God” (Psa. 63:1-8)**



1. ¹O God, you are my God a-lone; with ea-ger-
2. ²I've seen you in your ho-ly place; your pow'r and
3. ³I bless you, Lord, through-out my life and raise my
4. ⁴I lie a-wake up-on my bed, re-mem-b'ring
5. ⁵For you have been my help, O God; I sing for



ness I seek your face. My soul and bod-y
glo-ry held my gaze. ³Your love is bet-ter
• hands to you in prayer. ⁴My joy-ful lips will
you be-fore it's light; on you, my God, I
joy be-neath your wings. ⁵Your right hand holds and



thirst for you, as in a dry and wea-ry place.
far than life, and thus my lips will sing your praise.
• sing your praise; my soul is fed with rich-est fare.
med-i-tate, through-out the watch-es of the night.
strength-ens me; to you my soul for safe-ty clings.

The Encouragement to Give1 Timothy 6:6-7

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

~ 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.



~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

***The Psalm No. 87 "The LORD's Foundation Has Been Set"**

1. ¹The LORD's foun - da - tion has been set Up -
 2. ³A - bout you glo - rious things are said, O
 3. "Phil - is - tia, E - gypt, Bab - y - lon, And

on the ho - ly hills; ²He loves the gates of
 cit - y of our God: ⁴"I will make men - tion
 Tyre to - geth - er share A - long with E - thi -

Zi - on more Than homes where Ja - cob dwells.
 of the lands Where I am known a - broad."
 o - pi - a: "That this is one born there!"

4. ⁵Of Zion it will be declared:
 "Each one was born in her."
 Behold, the Most High will Himself
 Establish her secure.

5. ⁶The LORD, in listing citizens,
 Notes, "He was born there, too."
⁷The choristers and minstrels sing,
 "My springs are found in you."

“Book of the Covenant: The Peaceful Commonwealth” | Exodus 22:1-15

I. Introduction

A. Why does God give these cases?

B. How could (have) these ordinances be misused?

C. What are three general points of application for all these ordinances?

II. Main Argument

A. Penalty For Rustling (vv. 1, 4)

1. Varying Penalties

- a. How do the nuance and varied penalties differ from the way other civilizations addressed such thievery?

- b. Why is there less penalty if the animals are discovered still alive?

2. Application

- a. How does God institute not only restorative, but also ironic justice here?

- b. How does this illustrate the way all sin works?

- c. How did Zacchaeus demonstrate the reality of his repentance?

- d. What does saving faith do for sinners?

B. Burglary (vv. 2-3)

1. At Night

- a. Why is there no guilt for the homicide of someone who invades the home of another at night?

b. **Abiding Principle:** reasonable self-defense is lawful.

2. In Daylight

a. How does God emphasize the importance of preserving life?

b. What incentive does give to preserve life?

c. **Abiding Principle:** even thieves have the right to life and a right to justice

d. **Abiding Principle:** God's people ought to be quick to show mercy.

e. **Application:** what is the motivation to show mercy to those who have wronged us?

C. Negligence (vv. 5-6)

1. Grazing and Trampling: why are there no punitive damages?

2. Fire: why is "the wind changed direction" no excuse?

3. **Application:** take responsibility for what we have done to the harm of our neighbor rather than hide it or blame others.

a. How does obedience to these principles express trust in God?

b. **Abiding Principle:** harmony within the covenant community is to be promoted and is worth great expense and personal cost.

D. Breaches of Trust (vv. 7-13):

1. Holding Possessions: why might someone give a valuable to a neighbor for safekeeping?

2. Holding Animals: why is the neighbor liable for an animal that is stolen rather than one that simply wanders off or is devoured?
3. ***Abiding Principle***: we must be measured and careful with our words such that when we agree to be entrusted with something, we dutifully watch over it.

E. Lending and Leasing (vv. 14-15)

1. Borrowing: what is the assumption behind the rules here?
2. Rental: what must the owner of a property assume when he sets the rate or fee for its use?
3. ***Abiding Principle***: God is glorified by fairness and care in all the relationships in which property is used.

III. **Conclusion**: how do all these rules about property promote harmony within the covenant community and reconciliation between parties in the Old Covenant Church, and what does that teach us about the reconciliation Christ has accomplished between God and us?

*The Hymn of Commitment.....“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

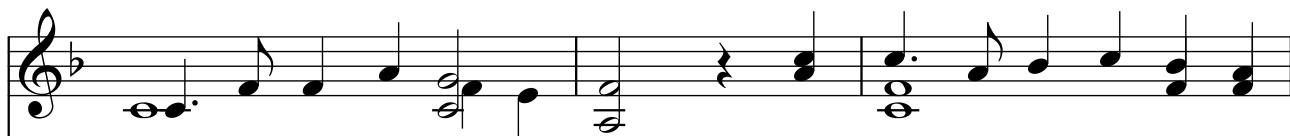
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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea -
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -



sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re -



loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
 there un - til it was ac - com - plished; his
 ward? I can - not give an an - swer, but

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.
 this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

***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.*

ECCLESIASTES:
 what really matters?
 Evening Worship | Starting March 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 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.

- + This morning we welcome Mrs. Diana Bowers to assist us at the piano.
- + Evening worship resumes next Lord’s Day, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- + The church librarian is evaluating the contents and usage of library materials; the VHS and cassette tape resources are free for anyone to take permanently.

Arrangements for Martha Kent:

March 20, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m. Visitation

10:00 a.m. Memorial Service

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.
- + 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.

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*
6:50-7:30 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