

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | March 21, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**The Announcements**

**\*The Call to Worship**

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

**\*The Psalm of Praise No. 146 ..... "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"**

D G D Em' A' D

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

G D Em7 A7 D

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

G D G D

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

G D Em7 A7 D 7

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

## \*The Prayer of Adoration

## \*The Confession of Faith .....Heidelberg Catechism No. 21

Q. *What is true faith?*

A. **True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit.**

## The Call to Confession .....First Peter 5:6-8

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

## The Confession of Sin

*Almighty God: In the beginning you created the world as a place of order, fruitfulness, and peace. But the sin of our first parents brought disorder and chaos to the world, and we continue in that sin to this day.*

*Where you have spoken clearly, we have questioned your word. What has been evil, we have looked at with desire. When we have found wickedness, we have spread it to others and encouraged its use. We have been silent when we should have spoken, and when we speak, we speak with unclean lips.*

*In our rebellion we have disguised the truth of our sin, and hidden ourselves from your presence. We have failed to take responsibility for our lack of righteousness, blaming others for all our faults.*

*And yet, O God, though we have failed to seek you, you have sought us. We could not atone for our own sin, but you sent your Son to bear our curse.*

*Therefore, please look with kindness on your servants, and grant joy of your assurance, always and only through the blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whose name we pray.*

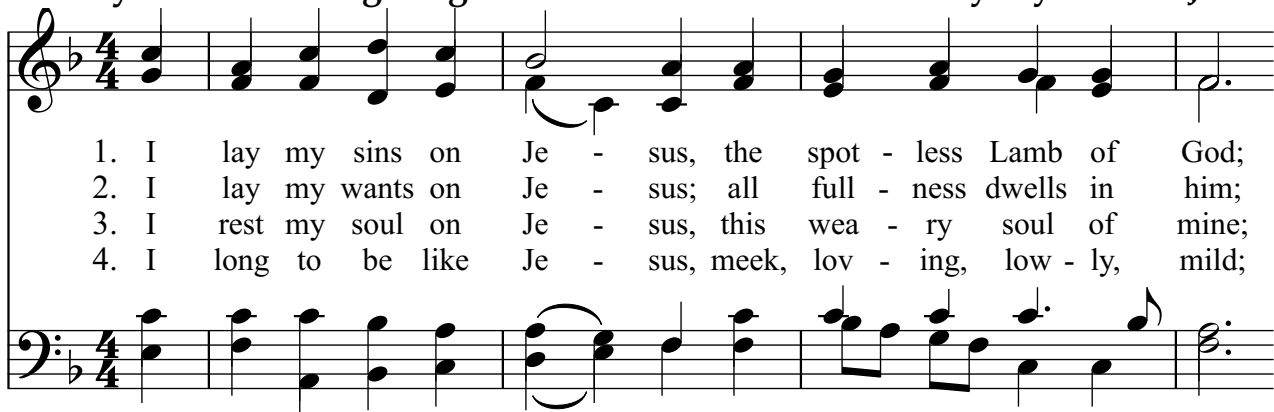
## The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

**The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 5:18-19**

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

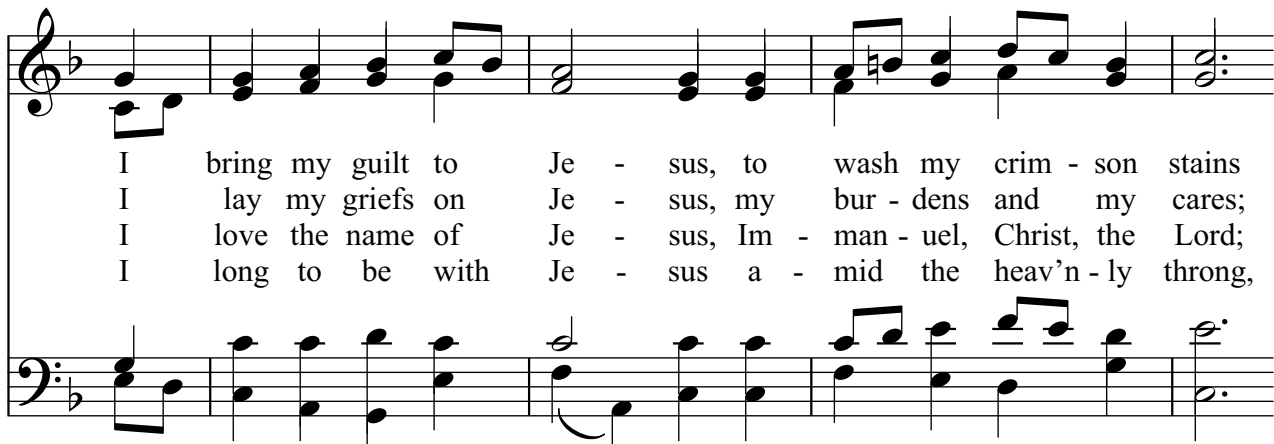
**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving....."I Lay My Sins on Jesus"**



1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;  
2. I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;  
3. I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;  
4. I long to be like Je - sus, meek, lov - ing, low - ly, mild;



he bears them all, and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load:  
he heals all my dis - eas - es, he doth my soul re - deem:  
his right hand me em - brac - es, I on his breast re - cline.  
I long to be like Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child:



I bring my guilt to Je - sus, to wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;  
I long to be with Je - sus a - mid the heav'n - ly throng,



white in his blood most pre - cious, 'til not a spot re - mains.  
 he from them all re - leas - es, he all my sor - rows shares.  
 like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.  
 to sing with saints his prais - es, to learn the an - gels' song.

**The Encouragement to Give .....Acts 20:35**

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

~ 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](mailto:office@fpfo.org)) the church office.*



**\*The Hymn....."O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss 'til now was thine!  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.



## **I. Introduction**

**A. How are these ordinances different from the Ten Commandments?**

**B. Why do we study these ordinances? What use are they to us?**

**C. Why should God’s people care about the poor?**

**D. What was the focus of social justice regulations in the laws of the Old Covenant Church?**

## **II. Main Argument**

### **A. Purity (vv. 16-17)**

#### 1. Seduction

a. Is this dealing with violence?

b. How was “betrothal” different from the way we view engagement now?

2. Protection: In what sense is God protecting the vulnerable here?

#### 3. Responsibility

a. What is the “bride price,” and is this making the woman merely a commodity?

b. What happens if the soundrel-no-good-trash who seduced the young woman can’t pay the bride price?

4. **Application**: God requires men to exercise self-control and take responsibility for their actions when they fail to do so.

- a. ***Abiding Principle***: It is better not to marry than to simply get married so as to avoid shame or embarrassment.
- b. ***Abiding Principle***: God makes provision even for the young woman who is not blameless; God cares for the vulnerable even when they make bad decisions.
- c. **Application**: How does this turn the idea of a “Shotgun Wedding” on its head?
- d. ***Abiding Principle***: Fathers have a duty - insofar as they are able - to protect their daughters and seek the best for them in marriage. What about women whose fathers are not around or who have forfeit their role?
- e. **Application**: What do we learn about true, biblical manliness?

## **B. Holiness (vv. 18-20)**

### 1. **Capital Offenses**:

- a. What sort of offenses are capital crimes in Israel?
- b. What leeway did judges in Israel have leeway in instances of capital crimes?

### 2. **Three More Capital Crimes**

- a. ***Abiding Principle***: Why is sorcery, magic, etc. wicked?
- b. ***Abiding Principle***: Why are unnatural sexual acts wicked?
- c. ***Abiding Principle***: In what sense is idolatry “soul-murder”?

3. ***Abiding Principle***: Church discipline important to protect against contagious lack of holiness and lack of faithfulness.



### C. Compassion (vv. 21-27)

#### 1. Vulnerable People (vv. 21-24)

a. Foreigner: what are these foreigners likely doing in Israel?

1) ***Abiding Principle***: God's treatment of us shapes the way we treat all people whether they are church members or not.

2) **Application**: Individual Christians should not wait or look to the deacons to do the serving but should be generous.

b. Widows and Fatherless

1) What does God threaten here?

2) ***Abiding Principle***: Who are the main recipients of the church's generosity?

#### 2. Lending (vv. 25-27): What truth is to shape the way God's people treat the poor within the Covenant Community?

a. Why does debate over "whether" or "how much" interest show people have missed the point of this?

b. **Application**: How does this teach us about Christ?

### D. Reverence (vv. 28-31)

#### 1. Render to God: if the needy within the Church are owed compassion and generosity, what is God owed?

a. How does speaking dishonorably of our rulers dishonor God?

b. What are we doing when we faithfully and punctually bring offerings to God?

2. Ourselves: is the ban on roadkill consumption about hygiene or something else?

\*The Hymn of Commitment ..... "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

F B $\flat$  F<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  Gm B $\flat$  F C F

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
 2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we  
 3. His Word shall not fail you— he prom - ised; be - lieve him and

Am C<sup>7</sup> F B $\flat$  F

dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the  
 fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -  
 all will be well: then go to a world that is

G<sup>7</sup> C F G<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup> C

Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!  
 min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!  
 dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

REFRAIN

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his

won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow

strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

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**\*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 MARCH 21, 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](http://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. Eva Herberich to assist us at the piano.
- + The Lord’s Supper will be observed as part of worship tonight at 6 p.m.
- + There is a meeting for current officers and deacon-nominees at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 to conclude deacon training.

### Friday Youth Fellowship

March 26 | 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Battlefield Rec. Field @ Wilder Tower

Pizza and Games!

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.FPFO.org/live)