

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | WORSHIP IN WORD & SACRAMENT

December 18, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 193“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and His kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*catholic means *general* or *universal*; that is to say, we confess that the Church is more than First Presbyterian Church or the PCA.

THE LAW OF GOD Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, the great and awesome God, You are righteous, but today we are covered with shame, because we have sinned against You. Though You are merciful and forgiving, we have turned away from You, we have rebelled against You, and have refused to obey Your good and perfect commands.

O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and who made a name for Yourself that endures to this day, let not Your anger fall upon us. Turn to us and hear our prayer and forgive us, showing us Your grace and mercy. For Your sake, O God, do not delay, because Your Church and Your people bear Your Name.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1-2

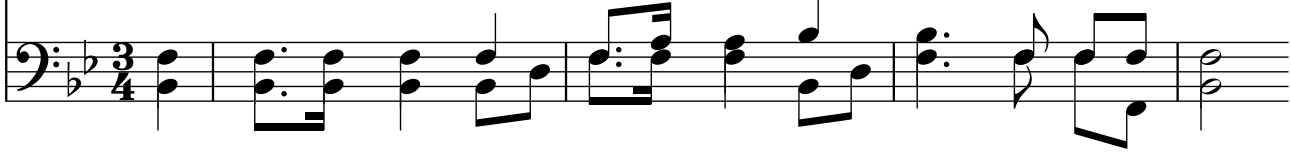
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 118 “The Glorious Gates” (page 3)

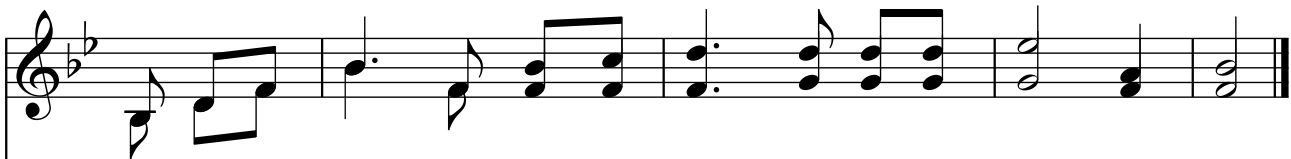
Psalm 118B



1. The glo - rious gates of righ - teous - ness throw o - pen un - to me,
2. This is thy tem - ple gate, O LORD, the just shall en - ter there.
3. The stone re - ject - ed and de - spised is now the cor - ner - stone;
4. In this the day that thou hast made, tri - um - phant - ly we sing;



and I will en - ter them with praise, O LORD, my God, to thee,
My Sav - ior, I will give thee thanks, O thou that hear - est prayer;
how won - drous are the ways of God, un - fath - omed and un - known;
send now pros - per - i - ty, O LORD; O LORD, sal - va - tion bring;



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send now pros - per - i - ty, O LORD; O LORD, sal - va - tion bring.



THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 9:19-29

THE SERMON“The Riches of God’s Glory”

I. Introduction

A. God’s Freedom and Glory

B. The Case of the Jews

II. Main Argument

A. God’s Dignity (vv. 19-21)

1. Objection Anticipated (v. 19)

- a. Why is it significant God’s purposes are not limited by ancestry or ethnic descent?

- b. How do modern folks sometimes deal with this objection?

- c. How does this demonstrate the Scripture’s full discovery of man’s condition?

2. Distinctions (v. 20)

- a. Why is this objection little more than a retort?

- b. Why is this question illegitimate?

- c. Instead of addressing the substance of the question, what does Paul address?

3. God’s Rights Illustrated (v. 21)

- a. Is the Apostle saying men are clay?

- b. How does the Apostle Paul consider man’s condition?

B. God's Purpose (vv. 22-24)

1. Powerful Wrath (v. 22): What are some troubles with this section?
 - a. Why has God shown patience?
 - b. **Application**: *The dreadfulness of God's abandonment.*
2. Rich Glory (v. 23)
 - a. What is God's glory
 - b. **Application**: *God's glory is the purpose of all things*
3. Free Mercy (v. 24)
 - a. God's mercy is unconstrained
 - b. How does the Apostle demonstrate the steadfastness of God's promise?

C. God's Remnant (vv. 25-29)

1. Restoration and Expansion (vv. 25-26): How does Paul apply these words about faithless Israel to the situation of the Jews and Gentiles?
2. Remnant Preserved (vv. 27-28)
 - a. Why were the Jews wrong to assert *all Israel will have a share in the life of the world to come*?
 - b. Why is the widespread rejection of Jesus of Nazareth by the Jews consistent with their historical behavior?
3. God's Mercy: Where do we see the abundance of God's mercy?

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 421“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations!” (page 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE.....“The Doxology”

Praise God , from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Next Lord's Day Evening:
Joint Worship at
Cornerstone OPC
1813 Long Street, Chattanooga

December 25 | 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Ryan Biese, Preaching
Luke 2:28-25, "Simeon's Song"

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!