

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JULY 25, 2021 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. TH4“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithHeidelberg Catechism No. 53

Q. What do you believe concerning *the Holy Spirit*?

A. *First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that he is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.*

The Call to ConfessionIsaiah 45:21–22

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”

The Confession of Sin

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, forgive us, refresh us. Give us a true sense of our sin, which made your sacrifice necessary.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor have we served one another as you have served us. Earthly comfort surrounds us, and we treat too lightly the pain and anguish you endured for our salvation: your betrayal, your lonely agony, your false trial, your mocking and scourging, and the torture of your death upon the cross.

As You have given yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to You, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of PardonIsaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 23....."The Lord's My Shepherd"**

1. ¹ The LORD's my Shep - herd, lead - ing me;
2. ³ And He re - stores my soul a - gain;
3. ⁴ Though in a val - ley dark as death,

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

I will not be in need.
He guides the steps I take
No e - vil will I fear;

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

² He'll make me lie in pas - tures green;
To walk a - long a righ - teous path,
Your rod and staff, they com - fort me,

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

By quiet waters lead.
All for His own name's sake.
For You are always near.

4. ⁵ A feast You have prepared for me
In sight of all my foes;
And You anoint my head with oil,
My full cup overflows.

5. ⁶ What love and goodness all my life
Will follow after me;
And in the LORD's house evermore
My dwelling place will be.

The Encouragement to Give Revelation 7:9-12

I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

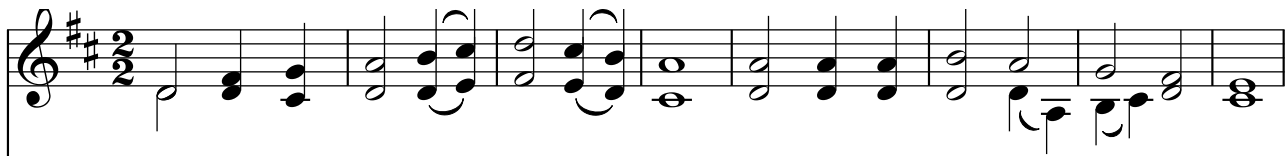
The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:

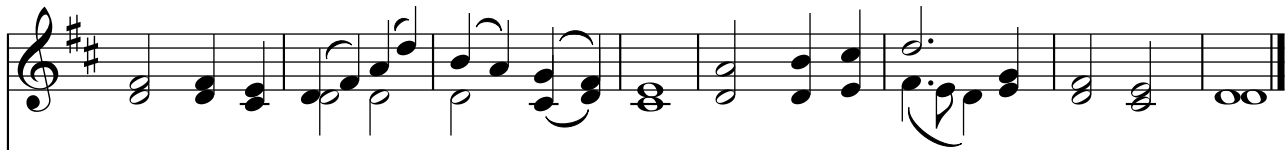


~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

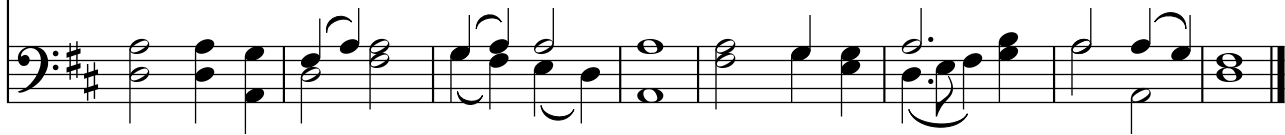
***The Psalm No. 145 "I Will Exalt You, God, My King"**



1. ¹I will ex - alt you, God, my king; I will for - ev - er bless your name.
2. ³Great is the LORD and great - ly praised, great-ness which none can com - pre - hend.
3. ⁵Won - drous your works and maj - es - ty; I will up - on them med - i - tate.
4. ⁷Peo - ple de - clare your match - less fame; praise for your glo - ries they ex - press;



- ²I will ex - tol you ev - er - more, day af - ter day your praise pro - claim.
- ⁴Age un - to age will tell your deeds, won - ders and might - y acts com - mend.
- ⁶Men shall your awe - some deeds con - fess; I will your great - ness cel - e - brate.
bound - less and great your good - ness, LORD; they sing a - loud your right - teous - ness.



5. ⁸Gracious is God and merciful,
plenteous in love, to anger slow.
- ⁹Good is the LORD to all he made;
mercy to all his works he shows.
9. ¹⁵All look to you with eyes that wait;
food in due season you will give.
- ¹⁶You will supply with open hand
wants and desires of all that live.

12. ²¹Praise to the LORD my mouth will speak.
Praise to the LORD my lips proclaim.
Let ev'ry creature evermore
rise up and bless his holy name.

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**: What has “progressive religion” sought to do in every age?

II. **Main Argument**

A. Demand (v. 1)

1. **Popular Pressure**: How does the demand of Israel indicate they are dissatisfied with Aaron’s ministry?

2. **Rejection of Monotheism**: What is *monotheism* and what sort of god(s) do the people of Israel want here?

3. **Application**: Waiting times are sometimes the best time for what?

4. **Motive**: Why does Israel make this demand here?
 - a. How do they belittle Moses?

 - b. How do they give Moses too much credit?

5. **Application**: Sin is fundamentally a distrust of God.
 - a. How is this a family trait?

 - b. How does “Progressive Religion” manifest distrust in God?

 - c. How might **we** manifest a lack of trust in God?

B. Design (vv. 2-3)

1. Aaron Obliges
 - a. **Application:** What mattered most to Aaron?

 - b. What does the Apostle mean when he exhorts people to “act like men” (I Cor 16:13-14)?

2. **Application:** Sin distorts God’s gifts and takes what God made for His glory and our eternal good and our temporary enjoyment and makes it an object of slavery.

C. Denial (v. 4)

1. Denial of Their Calling: What was Israel saved (called) to do?
 - a. Why does Aaron make a golden *calif* (as opposed to something else)?

 - b. **Application:** Israel descends to worship in a way that mimics the culture rather than testifies to the Truth about God.
 - 1) What is the problem with trying to use cultural forms and expressions to communicate the Christian message?

 - 2) Why must Reformed worship be timeless and culturally neutral?

2. Denial of Their Saviour: What do they mean when they give credit to this statue for their escape from Egypt?
 - a. Which commandment have they broken here?

 - b. **Application:** Sin convinces us the source of blessing can be found *anywhere* except the only place blessing can actually be found.

D. Disguise (vv. 5-6a)

1. **Damage Control:** In what way might this be Aaron's attempt to try to contain the damage done by his artistic expression?

2. **Feast Proclaimed:** To whom?
 - a. What two types of offerings are made at the altar?

 - b. What commandment does this violate?

3. **Application:** Sin - and particularly false worship - often disguises itself to look very similar to righteousness and true worship.

E. Debauchery (v. 6)

1. **What does their religious activity involve?**

2. **Application:** Sin always involves or leads to the abuse of our bodies and/or the abuse of the bodies of others made in God's Image.
 - a. Why must Biblical Christians be so adamant about sexual ethics?

 - b. What is the reason all this was recorded and took place?

III. Conclusion: How did the Apostles apply this very episode?

*The Hymn of Praise No. 498 "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!"

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 JULY 25, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

The back three rows of the middle section are reserved for people wearing masks (covering mouth and nose) for the entirety of the worship service as well as immediately before and after.
All other seats are open to all regardless of masking or other preferences.

- + Sunday school is on break July 25-August 31. If you are willing to help with Sunday school for children, adults, or youth, please contact the church office so we can begin to plan for resuming in September.
- + If you are willing to serve in the nursery, please contact Mary Lou Wilson. Adults and teens are needed to help care for young children during morning worship.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of morning worship next Lord's Day and a fellowship meal will follow morning worship. Please be preparing your heart to commune with Christ and His people in the coming week!

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 plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

Church Membership Seminar

Saturday, July 31, 2021 9:00 a.m.

A Membership Enquirers Class will be offered this summer. This is open to **anyone** who wants to learn about membership at FPFO as well as what it means to be part of a Reformed and Presbyterian Church. Please contact Ryan or Tami in the church office if you're interested and would like to register.

FPFO Weekly Activities 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
(except 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)
Is God Great & Good (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 July 25: Emma Wilson

Nursery August 1: Mary Lou Wilson