

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 2, 2022 | 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. TH64 "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth" (Psalm 93)

*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 Presentation of New Member: Will McCutcheon

- + Biblical Explanation
- + Vows of Membership
- + Prayer
- + Benediction

*The Confession of Faith.....The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*catholic refers to the universal church; this is to say, the Church is more than FPFO or the PCA.
This does not refer to the Roman Catholic religion.

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

The Call to Confession.....John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

The Confession of Sin

Eternal God: You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word.

You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not Your true self but who we wish You to be.

We too often ask You to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what You bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want, instead of shaping us into what You want.

Help us to meet You here, that we might humble ourselves before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and ever in Christ Jesus.

The Assurance of PardonColossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 75.....“We Give You Thanks, O God”

1. ¹We give you thanks, O God, be - cause your name is near.
 2. ²You say, “I set the time; I judge with e - ven hand;
 3. ⁴“Boast not’ I tell the proud; to vile men, ‘Lift no horn.
 4. ⁶For lift - ing up comes not from east or west or south;

We give you thanks for all your works your won - drous deeds de - clare.
³when earth and all its peo - ple quake, I make its pil - lars stand.
⁵Do not lift up your horn on high or speak with haugh - ty scorn."
⁷but God is judge; he rais - es one and puts an - oth - er down.

5. ⁸The LORD's hand holds a cup
 with foaming wine, well-mixed;
 he pours it out, and wicked ones
 must drink it to the dregs.

6. ⁹But I fore'er proclaim,
 and Jacob's God I'll praise.
¹⁰The wicked's horns I will cut off,
 the righteous I will raise.

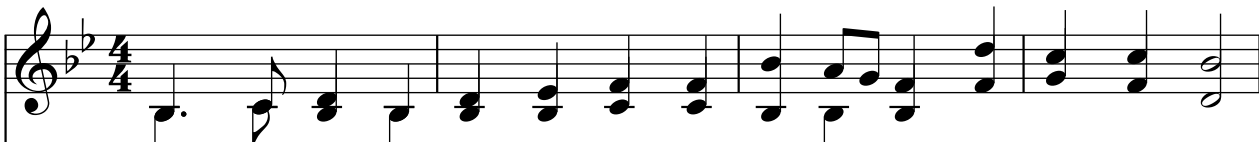
The Encouragement to Give John 7:37-38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

The Great Prayer

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

*The Psalm No. 76 "God the Lord is Known in Judah"



1. ¹God the Lord is known in Ju - dah; great his name in Is - ra - el;
 2. ⁴You are more ma - jes - tic, glo - rious, than the moun - tains full of prey.
 3. ⁶Horse and char - iot stunned are ly - ing in the sleep of death's dark night.
 4. ⁸When from heav'n you ut - tered judg - ment, all the earth in fear stood still,
 5. ¹¹Give the LORD your God your prom - ise, keep - ing all your vows sin - cere.



²he has pitched his tent in Sa - lem; he a - bides on Zi - on's hill.
⁵You have spoiled the val - iant - heart - ed; wrapped in sleep of death are they.
 • Ja - cob's God, you did re - buke them; ⁷you are fear - ful in your might.
⁹while to save the poor and hum - ble God in judg - ment worked his will.
 Come, let all a - round bring of - f'rings un - to him who is re - vered;



³There he broke the flash - ing ar - rows, shield and sword de - signed to kill.
 Men of war, whose hands are use - less, can - not stand a - midst the fray.
 • When your an - ger once is ris - en, who may stand be - fore your sight?
¹⁰E'ven the wrath of man shall praise you; you shall wear it like a belt.
¹²he cuts off the pride of princ - es, he by kings of earth is feared.



SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**: Why did the Apostle Paul write to Titus?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Greeting (vv. 1-4)**: how does Paul’s greeting to Titus differ from his greeting to the church(es) at Galatia?

1. Goal of Paul’s Work (v. 1): For what reason does Paul endure?

a. What does *elect* mean?

b. **Application**: What does the truth do?

2. Certainty (vv. 2-3): God’s promise to whom is in view here?

3. Recipient (v. 4)

B. **Elder Qualifications (vv. 5-8)**

1. Set in Order (v. 5): What type of ministry is Titus to set up in Crete?

2. Above Reproach (v. 6): What does this mean?

3. Household/ Family qualifications (v. 6)

a. Why is this so important?

b. What about a man who has disorder here that is not his own fault?

4. Elder as Overseer and Steward (v. 7)

a. What is a steward?

b. Five prohibited vices

5. Seven (six) Necessary Graces (v. 8)

- a. What is hospitality, and why is it vital to the ministry of an elder?

- b. Lover of Good

- c. Self-Controlled

- d. Righteous

- e. Holy

- f. Disciplined

C. Reason for Elder Qualifications (v. 9)

- 1. Exclusion: Which of these do not apply to all Christians? What grace must an elder possess that all Christians need not?

- 2. Trustworthy Word: The seventh necessary grace

- 3. Application: How does the elder's commitment to the word impact both the unity and outreach of the church?

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 580 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God's People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 117 "Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations"

~ God Blesses His People ~

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733 "The Doxology"

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2, 2022

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 may be made through January 30. You may submit your nomination form by placing it in the offering box or turning it in to the church secretary after the man you wish to nominated has agreed to accept. 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.

Save the Date:

*February 26–27 | Rev. David Strain
FPFO Winter Conference: "Seeking Revival"*

- + Sunday school and midweek activities resume the week of January 9.
- + If can help remove the greenery and decorations, meet at the church Jan. 5 at 6 PM.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + 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

The Gospel According to

Mark

dramatic reading

FPC Chattanooga | 7:00 p.m. January 8 | 554 McCallie Ave.
Benefitting Metanoia Prison Ministries

Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.

Nursery Jan. 2: Beth Rowan

Nursery Jan. 9: Emma Wilson