

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | APRIL 2, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



The Introit.....“Welcome, Happy Morning” (Trinity Hymnal No. 268)

*The Call to Worship

~ God's People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

***The Hymn of Praise No. 266.....“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

*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 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.

The Presentation of New Member: David Crowe

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

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Ex. 15:1

F C⁷ F Dm C F B^b F C

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

G⁷ C Am C G⁷ C

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

C⁷ F C F D Gm B^b F C

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

F C⁷ F⁷ B^b Gm⁷ F Gm⁷ C⁷ F

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

John of Damascus, 8th cent.
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

ST. KEVIN 7.6.7.6.D.
 Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

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God, Be Merciful to Me

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

The Call to ConfessionProverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

***The Psalm of Confession No. TH486.....“God, Be Merciful to Me” (Psalm 51)**

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of PardonPsalm 103:8–10

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

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

The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 96:8–9

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. TH53.....“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

***The Psalm No. 67“O God, Show Mercy to Us”**

1. 'O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your grace;
 2. For you will judge the peo - ples with per - fect eq - ui - ty;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
 to na - tions of the whole earth a gov - er - nor you'll be.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

²so that the whole world o - ver may tru - ly know your way,
⁵O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.

and so that your sal - va - tion all na - tions see dis - played.
⁶The earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest days

³O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.
since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes, God will bless - ing send,

⁴Let na - tions come re - joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
that all the earth may fear him to its re - mot - est end.

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**

II. **Main Argument**

A. Sympathy (vv. 17-24)

1. Arrival (vv. 17-22)

a. Why does it seem Martha meets Jesus outside of the village?

b. **Application: *When God’s comfort seems to delay, it is not a sign of His lack of love.***

2. Comfort (v. 23): How does the truth comfort her and us?

3. Orthodoxy (v. 24): How is it apparent Martha’s love for Jesus has not diminished despite her situation?

a. What does she not anticipate?

b. **Application: *It is not our love for Christ that sustains us, but Christ’s love for His people.***

B. Sufficiency (vv. 25-26)

1. Glory of Jesus (v. 25): What is the significance of the *I am* statements?

a. What is meant by *Resurrection*?

b. In what sense is Jesus *the Life*?

c. What is the danger of viewing Jesus’ statements as merely spiritual or merely referencing a far-off distant event only?

2. Gift of Jesus (vv. 25b-26a)

a. What is the elegance of Jesus’ explanation here? To what do *life* and *death* refer in this couplet?

- b. What is necessary before Christ's people can put on immortality?
 - c. How is the life Jesus gives different from mortal life?
 - d. What are some events in scripture that have a *double fulfillment*?
3. Challenge (v. 26b):
- a. What must the response to Jesus' words be?
 - b. **Application**: *The blessing of communion with Christ.*

C. Understanding (v. 27)

- 1. Context: What has Jesus done to relieve Martha's situation?
- 2. Reply: How does Martha's response carry forward Jesus' statements?
 - a. Christ
 - b. Son of God
 - c. Coming into the World

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 421 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

~ 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

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come."
 ... "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" Rev. 19:7, 9

1. Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad - ness, leave the gloom- y haunts of sad - ness,
 2. Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3. Now in faith I hum- bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
 4. Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear - est trea - sure,

come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
 o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

he, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

~ God's People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 117....."Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations" (page 7)

~ God Blesses His People ~

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733 "The Doxology"

Communicants Class Beginning in April 16th

Determining if your child is at an age and level of understanding where she or he is ready to attend a communicants class is not always easy. Thankfully, there are some helpful signs to look for in your child that will show he or she has the spiritual maturity to comprehend the discussion.

Have you seen the following in your child?

- She or he is asking questions about the Lord's Table and what is needed to participate;
- She or he is able to pay attention and participate in the worship service without toys, games, coloring, or other diversions for young children;
- She or he is displaying an awareness of his or her own sinfulness and asking questions about Jesus, salvation, and forgiveness.

If your child is showing those signs, that is a blessed indication that he or she is perhaps ready to join a communicants class and consider what it means to come to the Lord's Table with the rest of the congregation.

If she or he is not showing these signs, then it's probably a time to both wait for the next communicants class and be intentional in the way you talk about Jesus and the things of God at home with him or her to prepare for the next time the class is offered.

In the communicants class, the elders will be helping the children to reason through the Scriptures to know who Christ is to them and for them and how the Lord's Supper confirms and assures Christ's benefits to the faith of believers.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the communicants class, please talk to one of the ruling elders.

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 APRIL 2, 2023

- + Youth interested in going to Ridge Haven Camp for the summer mission trip July 10-15, 2023 should talk with Joe Wilson regarding the logistical concerns.
- + Next Lord's Day there is no Sunday school due to the church brunch, which begins at **9:30 a.m.** Please bring something to share. Please also note the change in time. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.
- + Evening worship resumes next Lord's Day. The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship on April 16.
- + All the ladies of the church are invited to a brunch on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. to hear from Jennie Landrath of Choices Pregnancy Center.
- + In preparation for renovations, a "clean out day" will take place on April 15, items currently in the old building will be sold (for a donation to the Youth Fund) and/or discarded by the end of the day April 15. Contact Joe Wilson if you can help.

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

Announcements for the bulletin are due weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.

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
(excluding First Sundays)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting
5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:45-7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. *KidsQuest* (children)
6:45-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Gospel of John
On First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays
there is outreach at the Crossings Apts.

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

Nursery April 2: J. Porter & A. Wilson

April 9: H. Rowan & C. Rowan