

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 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. 195....."Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....The Heidelberg Catechism No. 32

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. *Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess their Sins ~

The Call to Confession.....Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

The Confession of Sin

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love, we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone.

Because you, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls.

Speak to each of us the word that we need and let your word abide within us until it has wrought in us your holy will through Jesus Christ.

The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

The Assurance of PardonRomans 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.

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

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 40....."O LORD My God!"

5. ⁵O LORD my God, how man - y are The won - ders Thou hast done!
6. ⁶No sac - ri - fice of blood or meal Is what Thou hast de - sired
7. ⁸"To do Thy will I take de - light, O Thou my God that art;
8. ¹⁰I nev - er have with - in my heart Con - cealed Thy right - eous - ness;

How man-y are the gra-cious thoughts Which thou toward us hast shown
 My ears Thou hast pre-pared to hear, No off-'ring hast re-quired
 Be-cause that ho-ly law of Thine Is deep with-in my heart.
 I Thy sal-va-tion have de-clared And shown Thy faith-ful-ness.

No one can sort and set them out; None can com-pare to Thee!
⁷Then in re-sponse these were my words, "I come! Be-hold and see!
⁹With-in the con-gre-ga-tion great I right-eous-ness did preach;
 Thy mer-cy great, Thy stead-fast love, I ev-er have re-vealed,

If I would tell and speak of them, They could not num-bered be.
 With-in the vol-ume of the book It writ-ten is of me:
 Be-hold, Je-ho-vah, Thou dost know, I'll not re-strain my speech.
 And from the con-gre-ga-tion great Thy truth have not con-cealed.

The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 40:16-17

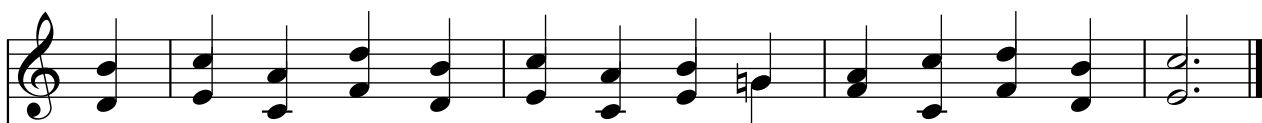
But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

The Great Prayer

*The Psalm No. 69....."I, with My Crying, Weary Am"



1. I with my cry - ing wea - ry am; my throat is parched and dried;
2. For zeal with - in me for Thy house Has been con - sum - ing me,
3. But in a time ac - cept - ed, LORD, To Thee my prayers as - cend
4. Ne'er from Thy ser - vant hide Thy face; I'm pressed; soon an - swer me
5. Well known to Thee is my re - proach, My shame and my dis - grace.
6. My heart is bro - ken by re - proach, And I am sick and weak.



My eyes grow dim while for my God Still wait - ing I a - bide
And all re - proach - es cast at Thee Have fall - en now on me.
• In Thine a - bound - ing love and truth, O God sal - va - tion send!
Draw near to me; re - deem my soul; My foes come: ran - som me!
The ad - ver - sar - ies of my soul Are all be - fore Thy face.
I nev - er find the sym - pa - thy And com - fort - ers I seek.



7. Father, I sing thy wondrous grace
I bless my Saviour's name;
He bought salvation for the poor,
And bore the sinner's shame.
8. His deep distress has raised us high;
His duty and his zeal
Fulfilled the law, which mortals broke,
And finished all thy will.

9. Zion is thine, most holy God;
Thy Son shall bless her gates:
And glory, purchased by his blood,
For thine own Israel waits.
10. Let heav'n, and all that dwell on high,
To God their voices raise;
While lands and seas assist the sky,
And join to spread his praise.

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction**

A. How do the first two public acts of Jesus foreshadow what He will do upon His return?

B. Why is the slogan *WWJD* of little use for the Christian life?

II. **Main Argument**

A. Down and Up for Passover

1. The Timing (v. 12): When does John indicate this happened?

a. Why do some scholars think either John or the other three Gospel writers have gotten events out of order?

b. Why is it better to assume Jesus cleansed the temple twice?

c. How do these events foreshadow Christ’s Second Advent?

2. Under the Law (v.13)

a. Why did Jesus observe the Passover?

b. **Application**: *Jesus kept the Law for the people of God*

B. Cleansing the Temple (vv. 14-17)

1. Convenience (v. 14): Why were animals sold and currency exchanged in the Temple?

2. Purpose (vv. 15-16)

a. Clearing the Temple (v. 15): To what does *the temple* refer?

1) Was Jesus being mean to make these people leave? Shouldn't He have asked nicely first?

2) What does the Lord signify by this action?

b. Complaint and Rebuke (v. 16): What does Jesus cite as the reason for expelling these people from the temple?

1) How does Jesus' clearing of the temple this time differ from the second clearing recorded in Matthew, Mark, and Luke?

2) **Application**: *The Priority of Worship*

c. Invitation: What does the Lord invite people to do in response?

3. Fulfillment (v. 17):

a. Do people interfere with Jesus while He is cleansing the Temple?

b. What connection do the disciples make?

c. What is the link between the glory of God and the salvation of His Church?

d. In what sense was Jesus consumed?

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 213 "What Child Is This"

~ God Blesses His People ~

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.

Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons & Carols

Friday, Dec. 24 @ 4:00 p.m.

We reflect again together on the faithfulness of God in sending His Son to save His people from their sins, and we respond in grateful praise.

DECEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Nov. Expenses:	\$14,860.47	Nov. Budget:	\$23,196.88
Nov. Income:	<u>\$29,516.21</u>		
Nov. Net Income:	\$14,655.74		
2021 Expenses:	\$207,486.20	YTD Budget:	\$255,165.68
2021 Income:	<u>\$250,756.28</u>		
2021 Net Income:	\$43,270.08		

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021

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 will be opened during the month of January. 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.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship tonight.
- + There will be no Midweek Activities Dec. 22-Jan. 5; Sunday School will be on break December 26-January 2. The normal activity schedule will resume Jan. 9.
- + Joint Officer Meeting December 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date:

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

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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://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 Dec 19: Sarah Wilson

Nursery Dec. 26: Julia Porter