

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | SEPTEMBER 18, 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

*The Hymn of Praise No. 277.....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithHeidelberg Catechism No. 26

Q. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth”?

A. *That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father for the sake of Christ his Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this vale of tears. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.*

The Call to ConfessionIsaiah 55:2

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

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, in word, and in 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 is 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 with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 103:8-11

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. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving....."Before the Throne of God Above"



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Alyda Sue Wilson

- + The Covenant Promises and Institution
- + The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
- + The Sign of the Covenant
- + The Prayer of Consecration

***The Baptismal Psalm No. TH364 "Let Children Hear" (Psalm 78:1-7)**

The Offering & Encouragement to GiveIsaiah 58:13-14

“If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers

***The Psalm No. 67.....“O God to Us Show Mercy” (Pages 4-5)**

1. ¹O 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 music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written 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 music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written 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.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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.

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“Departure & Deflection” | John 8:21-22 | Light in the Darkness No. 40 | p. 841

SERMON NOTES

I. **Introduction** What themes from the opening of John Chapter 8 are elaborated on later in the chapter?

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Departure (v. 21)**

1. Warning Repeated: How is what the Saviour says here similar and different to when He has discussed this previously?

2. Destruction Foretold

3. Application

a. *There is a futile 'seeking after Christ.'*

b. *The kindness of the Saviour.*

B. In the Temple (vv. 14-15)

1. Mockery

a. Do the Jews actually expect Jesus to murder Himself?

b. Application: *The commitment of Jesus to the will of His Father.*

2. Tragic Misunderstanding

a. How do they presume the worst about the Saviour?

b. Why are these Jews unable to follow Jesus where He goes? Why are Jesus' disciples unable to follow Him (cf. John 13:33)?

III. Conclusion

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

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.

BAPTISM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This morning we have the joy to witness the baptism of one of our covenant children:

Alyda Sue Wilson

Baptism is one of two sacraments given by Christ to His Church in the New Testament. The word *baptism* means *wash*. There were many ritual washings under the Old Testament. The Lord Jesus instated a New Testament baptism commanding His disciples to go to all the nations, make disciples, teach them to obey all His commands, and baptize them into the Name of the Triune God.

Baptism is a sign and seal of the Covenant of Grace; it both *signifies* (illustrates and portrays) the benefits of the covenant as well as *seals* (assures or confirms the genuineness of) the grace offered and promised in the Covenant of Grace: union with Christ in His death and resurrection for His people through His Holy Spirit as well as cleansing from sin.

It is the *grace* signified in baptism that saves, not the *act* of being baptized. As such, baptism does not cause a person to be born again, infuse a person with grace, wash away original sin, or guarantee or contribute to salvation.

Baptism publicly declares and marks a person out as belonging to Christ's covenant people and distinguishes him or her from the world. For all people, baptism is a call to embrace by faith the promises offered in the sacrament. Baptism is the beginning of Christian discipleship and should be improved throughout one's life by killing our sinful desires and living to righteousness and obedience more and more through faith in Christ.

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Acts 2:38-39

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Starts October 8!

OUR JOY MATTERS TO JESUS

A 9-week study of Philippians to discover a joy through every circumstance of life

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Contact Hannah Rowan for more details:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship tonight.
- + This month we are collecting toys for for Operation Christmas Child: consider items like small stuffed animals, deflated soccer balls and pumps, sewing kits, bracelets and necklaces, fishing hooks, lines, and weights, harmonicas and recorder instruments, small nerf balls, cards, jump ropes, small Lego kits.
- + The Session is looking for a volunteer to serve as Sunday School Superintendent who is willing to help oversee the scheduling and staffing of Sunday school classes at FPFO. If interested, please contact Nathan Bowers, Clerk of Session.
- + If you are interested in serving on the "40th Anniversary Committee" please talk with Elder David Bosshardt.

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 during the offertory, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.



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
6:30 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)
Galatians (young women)

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

Nursery: Sept. 18: H. Rowan & A. Bowers

Sept. 25: E. Wilson & C. Rowan