

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | February 19, 2023 | 6 o'clock

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THE SESSION

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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 19, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 263 "Lift High the Cross "

*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*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 LAW OF GOD Galatians 5:16-21

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, Who gathers Your children to Yourself, we confess that we have not walked in love, as You have loved us by giving Your Son. Instead, we find ourselves walking down the paths that You have told us not to walk; and we find ourselves drawn to the very things from which we were saved.

We acknowledge that our hearts have entertained lust, uncleanness, and all manner of covetousness. Our lips have uttered that which is filthy, foolish and coarse, and we have not lived before You with hearts of thanksgiving.

In Your great mercy, forgive us for the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives that where we have sinned against Your word, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 94“God, the LORD” (pp.6-7)

THE SCRIPTURE READINGRomans 11:1-10

THE SERMON“Belonging By Grace”

I. Introduction:

II. Main Argument

A. God’s Purpose Stands (vv. 1-4)

1. No Rejection (vv. 1-2a)

a. What is the plight of the Hebrews?

b. How does Paul demonstrate God has not rejected Israel?

2. Remnant Remains (vv. 2b-4)

a. Why are the ‘days of Elijah’ significant for the days of the Apostles?

b. How does what appear differ from what actually is?

B. God's Workings Consistent (vv. 5-6)

1. Faithfulness of God (v. 5): What is significant about God's past actions?

a. Where does the psalmist look for comfort in Psalm 40?

b. What relevance does this have for the Christian?

2. Remnant by Grace (v. 5)

a. What does the remnant *witness*?

(1) Of what does the remnant serve as *guarantee*?

(2) **Application**: *Confidence and optimism in the gospel...*

b. Chosen by grace: What is the basis for the remnant's election?

(1) Why is it reasonable to believe the remnant is larger than it initially appears?

(2) Why is the changelessness of God's decree a comfort?

(3) **Application**: *God's grace is the only secure refuge...*

3. Gracious Condition (v. 6)

a. Why are grace and works incompatible as the ground of salvation?

(1) In what sense are works *now* excluded?

(2) Why does salvation by grace magnify God's glory more than a works-based salvation?

b. Glorious comfort

C. God's Constancy Demonstrated (vv. 7-10)

1. Seeking (v. 7)

a. Lost

(1) What was Israel seeking?

(2) Why do they labor in vain?

b. Found: How does this prove salvation is not on the basis of merit?

c. **Application**: *All we have, we have by grace.*

d. Hardened

(1) Who does the hardening?

(2) What is the character of those who are hardened?

2. Dulled (v. 8): Who is in view particularly as having been dulled?

a. In what sense are the people responsible for their being dulled?

b. **Application**: *Do not persist in sin.*

3. Destroyed (vv. 9-10)

a. Reversal: Where else is Psalm 69 used?

b. How has this prophecy come to pass?

c. Retribution: Why is Paul so certain?

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 252“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
 THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS
 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah All Ye Nations (p. 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE NO. 733“The Doxology”



1. ¹ God, the LORD, from whom is ven-geance, God, A - veng - er,
 2. ⁵ They, O LORD, beat down Your peo - ple, And Your her - i -
 3. ⁹ Who the ear made, can He hear not? Who formed eyes, can
 4. ¹³ Give him rest from days of trou - ble Till the wick - ed



O shine forth! ² Judge of all the earth, O rise up!
 tage op - press. ⁶ They kill for - eign - er and wid - ow;
 He not see? ¹⁰ Who warns na - tions, will He strike not?
 are brought down. ¹⁴ For the LORD stays with His peo - ple,



Pay the proud what they are worth. ³ O LORD, how long
 They have slain the fa - ther - less. ⁷ They have said, “The
 Who men teach - es, knows not He? ¹¹ All the thoughts of
 He will not for - sake His own. ¹⁵ Righ - teous judg - ments





will the wick - ed, How long will the wick - ed gloat?
LORD does not see, Ja - cob's God has closed His eyes."
men the LORD knows; Knows that but a breath are they.
will be ren - dered, Jus - tice will re - turn a - gain;



⁴ From their mouths they pour out vio - lence,
⁸ Un - der - stand, you sense - less peo - ple;
¹² Blessed the man whom You re - prove, LORD;
Those of up - right heart will fol - low



Of them - selves all wick - ed boast.
When, O fools, will you be wise?
Through Your law You point his way.
In the way of jus - tice then.



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!