

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

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



## The Prelude

### \*The Call to Worship

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

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 198....."Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

\*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

\*The Confession of Faith.....The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.*

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory  
may come in. Ps. 24:7*

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot  
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

**The Law of God.....Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-28**

*“You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

**The Confession of Sin**

*O Lord our Lord, your Law forbids not only unfaithfulness, but also impure imagination, abuse of what you have created good, wrongful divorce or desertion, looking at images and people we should not, and other unnatural or unchaste behaviors.*

*We confess our Father that we have, in some measure, carried out these forbidden behaviors, or we have given approval to those that do. We have treated those created in your Image as only objects of our fleeting pleasures.*

*For this we pray for your gracious pardon, O Holy God. Cleanse us according to your word that we may be pure for you promise, “blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*

*Forgive us for our failure to love in the pure and beautiful way that you command and model for us. Cleanse and strengthen our every relationship with the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**The Silent Confession**

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

**The Assurance of Pardon.....Ezekiel 36:25-29**

*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules...and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.*

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

**\*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 34 .....“At All Times I Will Bless the LORD”**

1. <sup>1</sup> At all times I will bless the LORD, In praise my mouth em - ploy.  
2. <sup>5</sup> They looked to Him and ra - diant were, A - shamed they shall not be.  
3. <sup>8</sup> O taste and see the LORD is good; Those trust - ing Him are blessed.

<sup>2</sup> My soul is boast - ing in the LORD; The poor will hear with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD heard when this poor man cried, From trou - ble set him free.  
<sup>9</sup> O fear the LORD, saints; none who fear Will be with need op - pressed.

<sup>3</sup> O glo - ri - fy the LORD with me, Let us ex - alt His name!  
<sup>7</sup> The An - gel of the LORD en - camps A - round those fear - ing Him;  
<sup>10</sup> The li - ons young may hun - gry be, And they may lack their food;

<sup>4</sup> In all my fears I sought the LORD, From Him my res - cue came.  
Those trust - ing Him He safe - ly guards, And He de - liv - ers them.  
But they who tru - ly seek the LORD Will not lack an - y good.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2*

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

The Offering .....2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

The Great Prayer .....Elder David Bosshardt

The Hymn No. 528.....“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“The Joy of the Saints” | John 9:35-41 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 48 | Page 842

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SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction**

II. **Main Argument**

**A. Found (v. 35)**

1. Cruelty of the Wicked

a. Why do the Pharisees cast the man out of the synagogue?

b. **Application: Faithfulness to Christ brings suffering.**

2. The Kindness of Christ

a. How might the man have avoided the ire of the Pharisees?

b. In what cosmic battle has the man been caught up?

3. The Glory of Jesus

a. **Application: Personal belief, trust, and embrace of the Lord Jesus Christ is necessary.**

b. Who is the *Son of Man*?

**B. Faith (vv. 36-38)**

1. Question (v. 36): The man is ready to believe, but what does he need?

2. Introduction (v. 37)

3. Worship (v. 38)

- a. How is the word translated *worship* used elsewhere in John's Gospel?
- b. **Application: *We worship better than we understand.***

**C. Judgment (vv. 39-41)**

1. Purpose

- a. Why does it seem as though time has passed?
- b. How does this complement what Jesus says in John 3:17-21?
- c. **Application: *Grace is offensive.***
- d. Who are the blind, and who are *those who see*?
- e. **Application: *Christ reveals our poverty.***

2. Question (v. 40): How does this demonstrate the self-centeredness of the Pharisees?

3. Guilt (v. 41):

- a. Is the Saviour saying that ignorance is a valid excuse?
- b. How is guilt removed?

**III. Conclusion**

\*The Hymn of Response No. 427 .....“Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”  
~ God Shows His Commitment to His People ~

# Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

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*Jesus came and stood among them and said ..., "Put your finger here; see my hands."*  
John 20:26, 27

Capo 3: ♮ (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B) (Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮

1. A - midst us our Be - lov - ed stands, and bids us  
 2. What food lux - u - rious loads the board, when at his  
 3. If now, with eyes de - filed and dim, we see the  
 4. O glo - rious Bride - groom of our hearts, your pres - ent

(G) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B)

view his pierc - ed hands; points to the wound - ed  
 ta - ble sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the  
 signs, but see not him; O may his love the  
 smile a heav'n im - parts! O lift the veil, if

(Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮ (A<sup>7</sup>) (Bm) (Em<sup>7</sup>) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ♮

feet and side, blest em - blems of the Cru - ci - fied.  
 bread how sweet, when Je - sus deigns the guests to meet!  
 scales dis - place, and bid us see him face to face!  
 veil there be, let ev - ery saint your glo - ry see!



# 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

**\*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”**

## DECEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

November Income:	\$19,614.17	Monthly Budget:	\$23,816
<u>Nov. Expense:</u>	<u>\$21,732.34</u>	2022 Budget:	\$285,793
November Net:	(\$2,118.17)		
2022 Income:	\$245,277.92		
<u>2022 Expenses:</u>	<u>\$253,930.20</u>		
2022 Net Income:	(\$8,652.28)		

<sup>1</sup>Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

<sup>2</sup>for 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 DECEMBER 4, 2022

- + Evening Worship will resume next Lord's Day at 6:00 p.m.
- + The Moms Encouragement Lunch will be Thursday, December 8 at 12:30 p.m. lunch and childcare will be provided. Please register with Sandra Taylor.
- + The Christmas Party for the Youth & Young Adults is December 16. Additional information is available on the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship on December 18.
- + Evening Worship on December 25 will be a joint service at Cornerstone OPC in Chattanooga. Pastor Ryan Biese will be preaching there.

## 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](mailto:office@fpfo.org).
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plates, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://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)  
*Gospel of John* (young women)

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

Dec. 4: J. Porter & A. Bowers

Dec. 11: H. Rowan & C. Rowan