

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | NOVEMBER 28, 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. 198....."Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

## \*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.*

\*catholic refers to the universal church; this is to say, the Church is more than FPFO or the PCA.

This does not refer to the Roman Catholic religion.

~ God Calls His People to Confess their Sins ~

**The Call to Confession .....Proverbs 28:13–14**

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

**The Confession of Sin**

*O our God, we are ashamed and blush to lift up our faces before you for our iniquities are higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached unto the heavens. We were sinful at birth, even from the time our mothers conceived us.*

*We are by nature children of wrath. We have corrupted our way and turned aside from your holy laws. You are not in all our thoughts. We have often forgotten you, the God who formed us, and have lived for ourselves, indulging the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.*

*But now we repent afresh. We grieve over ourselves and turn from our sins, calling on you to forgive us and renew a clean heart and mind within us. As we approach your table, may we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace, through the merit and mediation of your sinless Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**The Silent Confession**

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

**The Assurance of Pardon .....Micah 7:19–20**

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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

**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 196 .....“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**The Encouragement to Give .....2 Corinthians 9:6–7**

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**The Great Prayer.....Ryan Biese**

**\*The Psalm No. 63.....“O God, You are My God Alone”**

1. <sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God a - lone; with ea - ger -  
 2. <sup>2</sup>I've seen you in your ho - ly place; your pow'r and  
 3. <sup>4</sup>I bless you, Lord, through - out my life and raise my  
 4. <sup>6</sup>I lie a - wake up - on my bed, re - mem - b'ring  
 5. <sup>7</sup>For you have been my help, O God; I sing for

ness I seek your face. My soul and bod - y  
 glo - ry held my gaze. <sup>3</sup>Your love is bet - ter  
 • hands to you in prayer. <sup>5</sup>My joy - ful lips will  
 you be - fore it's light; on you, my God, I  
 joy be - neath your wings. <sup>8</sup>Your right hand holds and

thirst for you, as in a dry and wea - ry place.  
 far than life, and thus my lips will sing your praise.  
 • sing your praise; my soul is fed with rich - est fare.  
 med - i - tate, through - out the watch - es of the night.  
 strength - ens me; to you my soul for safe - ty clings.

6. <sup>9</sup>But those who seek to kill my soul,  
 to depths of earth shall fall away;  
<sup>10</sup>a sword of pow'r will bring them down,  
 and they shall be the jackal's prey.

7. <sup>11</sup>The king will then rejoice in God,  
 and all who swear by him exult;  
 but God will stop the liars' mouths,  
 the ones who utter what is false.

SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction:** How is John’s Gospel different from what are called *the synoptic Gospels*?

II. **Main Argument**

**A. Testimony of the Baptizer (vv. 35-36)**

1. **John’s Ministry (v. 35):** What was the purpose of John’s baptism?

2. **John’s Persistence (v. 36)**

a. Where have we read these words before, and what was the response the last time these words were uttered?

b. **Application:** *Tenacity and persistence in proclaiming Christ*

c. **Application:** *The content of John’s preaching and ministry...*

**B. Following Jesus (vv. 37-39)**

1. **The Baptizer’s Humility (v. 37):** in what way(s) does John the Baptizer demonstrate his humble spirit?

a. What is remarkable about his disciples’ response to John’s words?

b. Why should we not doubt the historical reliability of this episode?

2. **The Rabbi’s Invitation (v. 38)**

a. What does Jesus ask them?

b. What is Jesus inviting them to do by his question?

3. The Disciples' Interest (v. 38): How do they answer Jesus' query?

4. The Rabbi's Hospitality (. 39)

a. Why did they delay answering Jesus' question initially?

b. **Application**: *Do not play seeking Christ*

### **C. Testimony of Andrew (vv. 40-41)**

1. Andrew's Humility (v. 40): Why is Simon Peter referred to before we've been introduced to him in the Gospel?

a. What was Andrew's focus or outlook on life?

b. What does the lack of name for the second disciple suggest to us?

2. Andrew's Messiah (v. 41)

a. What did Andrew tell his brother?

b. How did Andrew likely understand Jesus' role?

c. **Application**: *The tenderness, kindness and patience of Christ*

d. **Application**: *The usefulness of witnessing to friends and family*

### **D. The Prophecy of Jesus (v. 42)**

1. Transformation: How is Simon Peter portrayed in the Gospels?

a. Is Jesus offering a prediction or noting the potential of Simon?

b. What is the significance of changing someone's name in the Bible?

2. **Application**

a. **How few followed Jesus...**

b. **The Destiny of Christ's People: Living Stones**

III. **Conclusion**

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 355 ..... "We Are God's People"

~ 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.*

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**NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Oct. Expenses:	\$12,588.31	Oct. Budget:	\$23,196.88
Oct. Income:	<u>\$19,206.19</u>		
Oct. Net Income:	\$6,617.88		

2021 Expenses:	\$192,038.76	YTD Budget:	\$231,968.80
2021 Income:	<u>\$221,240.07</u>		
2021 Net Income:	\$29,201.31		

# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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## DECEMBER

- 1.....Midweek Activities on Normal Schedule
- 5.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper & Fellowship Lunch; no Evening Worship
- 8.....Midweek Activities on Normal Schedule
- 12.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning & Evening Worship
- 15.....Midweek Activities on Normal Schedule
- 19.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning & Lord's Supper in Evening Worship
- 22.....NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES
- 24.....Christmas Eve Service 4:00 p.m.
- 26.....NO Sunday school; Morning & Evening Worship on Normal Schedule
- 29.....NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

## JANUARY

- 2.....NO Sunday school; Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper & Fellowship Lunch; no Evening Worship
- 5.....NO MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES
- 9.....Sunday school, Lord's Day Morning & Evening Worship return to normal
- 12.....Midweek Activities return to normal schedule

### **Adult Sunday School Winter Quarter:**

*Jeff Rowan teaching on  
Paul's Letter to the Galatians*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 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.

+ Session's report on the National Partnership and the PCA is available on the table in the foyer. In it you will see why the Session believes we should strengthen our involvement in the PCA and be encouraged about the future of the PCA. It is also available on the website: [www.FPFO.org/np-report](http://www.FPFO.org/np-report)

### 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](mailto: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](http://FPFO.org/give).

## FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule (see p. 7 for the revised holiday 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

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)

\*Livestream available at [www.fpfo.org/live](http://www.fpfo.org/live)

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

Nursery Nov 28: Emma Wilson

Nursery Dec. 5: