

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | NOVEMBER 6, 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. 376....."Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

### \*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.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

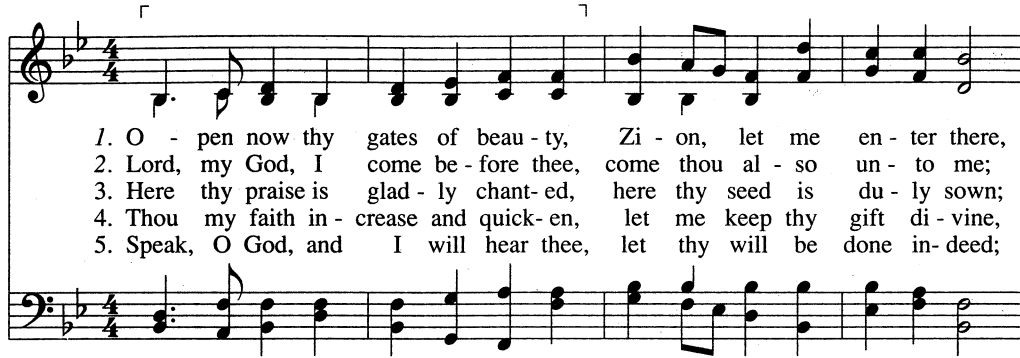
### The Law of God .....Exodus 20:7

*"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD  
will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

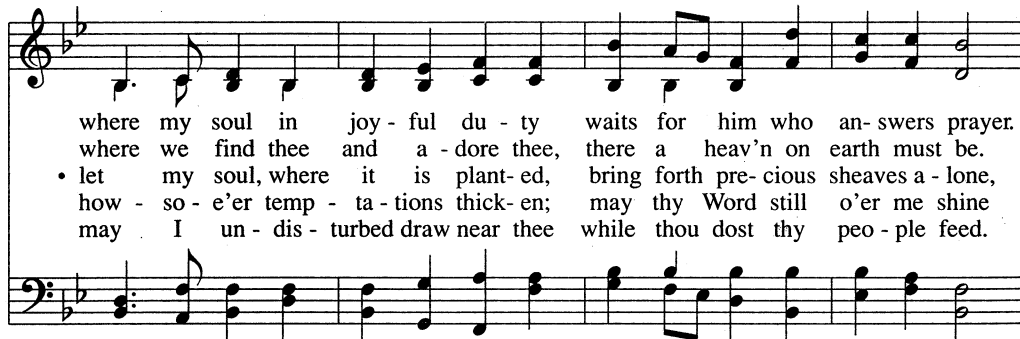
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## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

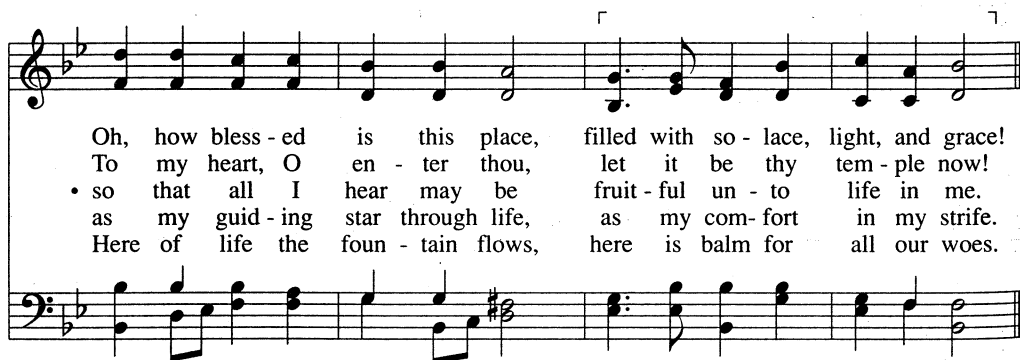
*One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. Ps. 27:4*



1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine,  
 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 • let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; may thy Word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 • so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in my strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

## The Confession of Sin

*O Lord our God in Heaven and Judge of all the Earth, You have shown Yourself faithful and righteous, keeping covenant from generation to generation to the praise of Your glorious grace. You have forgiven Your people and patiently borne with Your sinful people through the ages and made known Your Name in Your works of Creation and Redemption. We confess we have not honored Your Name as Holy, but we have treated Your Name lightly as we view our sin lightly. We have thought little of Your attributes and have been content in our spiritual understanding rather than seeking to know more of You. We have not hungered for Your word, but we have craved common things. Forgive us anew, we pray, and send Your Spirit so we may delight in Who You are and in Your Holy Name.*

## The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

## The Assurance of Pardon .....Romans 8:1-3

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

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

## \*The Hymn of Thanksgiving ..... "O Church, Arise"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Church, Arise". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes. Below the treble staff, there are four numbered verses of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the 2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to 3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the 4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, Give

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• 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to  
• 3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, As the  
• 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, Give



call of Christ our cap - tain; For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, That we may run with faith to



they are strong In the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole We will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
 neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; An arm - y  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, We know the out - come is se - cure, And Christ will  
 stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - merg - es from the grave, This vic - t'ry  
 old still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, We hear their



bold whose bat - tle cry is "Love!" Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 have the prize for which He died - An in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
 march con - tin - ues till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
 calls and hun - ger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.



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

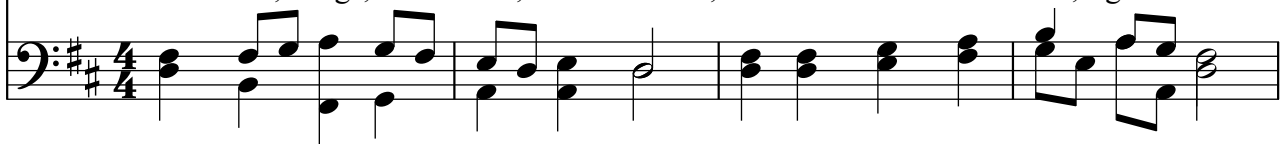
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having contentment in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**The Great Prayer**

**The Psalm No. 2.....“Why Do Heathen Nations Rage”**



1. <sup>1</sup>Why do hea-then na - tions rage? Why do peo - ples plot in vain?  
2. <sup>4</sup>He who sits in heav - en laughs; God de - rides and mocks them all.  
3. <sup>7</sup>I will tell of his de - cree: this to me the LORD did say,  
4. <sup>10</sup>There - fore, kings, be wise, be warned; rul - ers of the earth, give ear.



<sup>2</sup>Kings and rul - ers join to wage war a - gainst God's roy - al reign.  
<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in wrath, fear and dread on them do fall:  
“You are my be - lov - ed Son; I have brought you forth this day.  
<sup>11</sup>Come with awe and serve the LORD: min - gle joy with trem - bling fear.



Speak - ing out a - gainst the LORD, his A - noint - ed they de - fy:  
<sup>6</sup>“Yet ac - cord - ing to my will, I have set my king to reign,  
<sup>8</sup>Ask for all the earth a - broad, you shall own the na - tions far.  
<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, his an - ger turn, lest you per - ish in the way,



<sup>3</sup>“Let us break a - part their cords, cast a - way their chains,” they cry.  
 fixed on Zi - on’s ho - ly hill, my A - noint - ed will re - main.”  
<sup>9</sup>You will break them with a rod, dash them like a pot - ter’s jar.”  
 for his wrath will quick - ly burn. All who trust him—blest are they!

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“The Joy of the Saints” | John 8:48-59 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 45 | Page 841

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SERMON NOTES

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I. **Introduction**

II. **Main Argument**

**A. Judgment (vv. 48-50)**

1. Ad hominem (v. 48): How has the Saviour made His argument personal?

a. Why do the Jews now make a personal attack?

b. **Application:** *Rage against the truth blinds a person to reality.*

2. Honor (v. 49): How has Jesus honored God?

a. How have the Jews dishonored God?

b. **Application:** *Don't be surprised by trouble.*

3. Glory (v. 50): How is it liberating not to care what people think?

a. Why are the Jews under judgment?

b. **Application:** *All who do not give the Son glory are under judgment.*

**B. Comfort (vv. 51-53)**

1. Promise (v. 51): How does the Saviour show His love for sinners here?
2. Comparison (v. 52): Why do the Jews only have one explanation?
  - a. What two things do the Jews demand of Jesus?

**b. Application: *The Greatness of Christ***

**C. Joy (vv. 54-55)**

1. Joy of Jesus (vv.54-55): What brings Jesus joy?
2. Joy of Abraham (v. 56): What brought Abraham joy?

**D. Divinity (vv. 57-59)**

1. Indignant (v. 57): What are the Jews asserting anything about Jesus' age?
2. Eternity (v. 58): How does Christ's eternity give comfort to His people?
3. Murder (v. 59)

**III. Conclusion**

\*The Hymn of Response No. 358....."For All the Saints"  
~ God Shows His Commitment to His People ~

**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"

## For All the Saints

*They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13*

*Unison*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
 3. O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
 4. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
 thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
 soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
 the King of glory passes on his way.  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



<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 NOVEMBER 6, 2022

- + Evening Worship will resume next Lord's Day at 6:00 p.m.
- + The ladies of the church are invited to a tea on December 17 sponsored by the Women in the Church Leadership Committee. More details will be forthcoming.
- + Additional help is greatly needed in the nursery during morning worship. If you are willing to serve in this way, please let Mary Lou Wilson know. This is a ministry opportunity open to adults and teens.
- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of Evening Worship on November 20.

## 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)

# Give Thanks

Register for Supper:



*Fellowship, Thanksgiving & Praise  
Tuesday, Nov. 22 | 6:00 p.m.*

## 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.**

Nov. 6: E. Tuggle & A. Bowers

Nov. 13: M. L. Wilson & C. Rowan