

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | OCTOBER 24, 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

*The Hymn of Praise No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism

Q42. Why was our mediator called Christ?

A42. *Our mediator was called Christ, because He was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of His church, in the estate both of His humiliation and exaltation.*

Q44. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A44. *Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering Himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of His people; and in making continual intercession for them.*

The Call to Confession Psalm 22:3–5

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth.

Yet we have transgressed your laws by loving ourselves more than you, our God, or our neighbor. We are so easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshiping the creature and the creation, rather than you, our Creator. Thus, do we forget your mighty victory over sin and death.

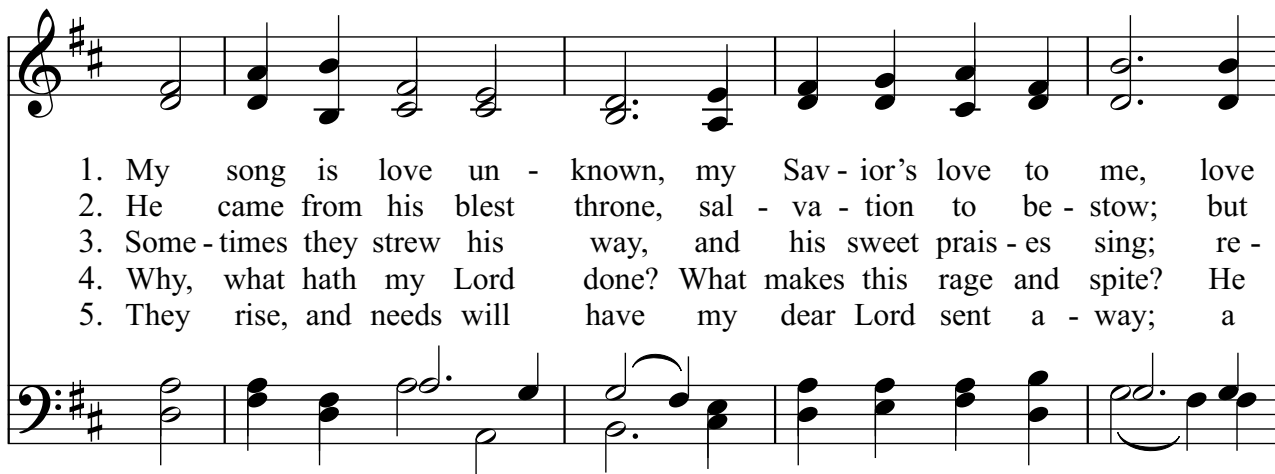
Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world, and show forth your resurrection power. In the exalted name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 8:1-2

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.

*The Hymn of Thanksgiving“My Song Is Love Unknown”



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love
2. He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord sent a - way; a

to the love-less shown, that they might love - ly be. O who am
 men cared not, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But oh, my
 • sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -
 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet in - ju -
 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet will - ing

I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 • fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 ries! Yet all his deeds their ha - tred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.
 he to suf - f'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

7. In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6. Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Ezra Luke Rowan

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

*The Baptismal Psalm No. 364 "Let Children Hear" (Psalm 78:1-7)

The Encouragement to Give1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.

The Great Prayer

***The Hymn No. 193“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“The Word Made Known” | John 1:6-13 | Light in the Darkness No. 3 | p. 833

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction:

A. How is the Word made known in the world?

B. What are some of the themes we have seen in John’s Gospel already?

II. Main Argument

A. The Word and the Witness (vv. 6-8)

1. The Identity of John: Which John?

2. The Word and the Witness Contrasted (vv. 6, 8)

a. Why is it strange to find a reference to John the Baptizer here?

b. What is the significance of the witness?

c. How does John emphasize the inferiority of the witness

3. What is the goal of the witness (v. 7)?

B. The Word in the World (vv. 9-13)

1. The Scandal of Ignorance (vv. 9-10)

a. How does John highlight the dignity of the Lord Jesus Christ?

b. In what sense does the Lord Jesus Christ give light to *everyone*?

- c. What connotations does *the World* have in John's writings?
2. The Word Rejected (vv. 10-11): Why is it reprehensible that the Word should not be received?
 3. The Word Received (vv. 12-13):
 - a. What does receiving Him look like?
 - b. What is the meaning of a person's name as the Scripture uses it?
 - c. What is the blessing that comes to those who receive Him?
 - d. How do they become *children of God*?

C. Application

1. The Benefits of God are received only by faith
2. The Wickedness of the World
3. The privileges of belonging to Christ

III. Conclusion

*The Psalm of Praise No. 27 "The LORD's My Light and Saving Help"

The Benediction

*The Response "The Gloria Patri"

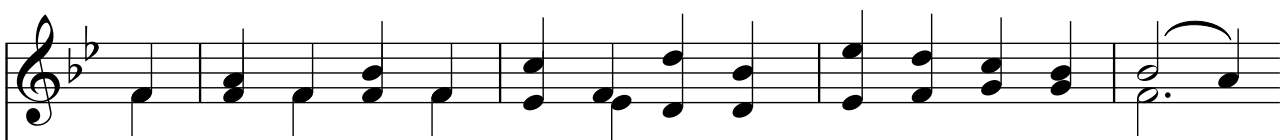
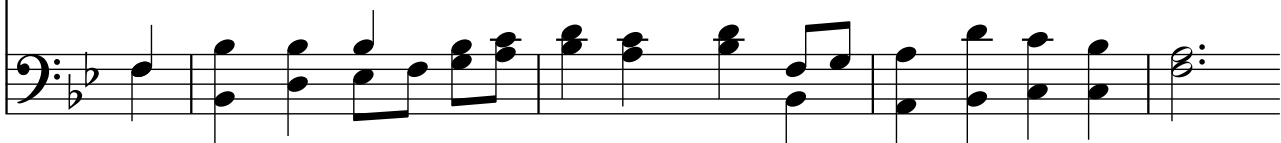
*Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be:
 World without end. Amen. Amen.*



1. ¹The LORD's my light and sav - ing help—by whom am I dis - mayed?
2. ³Though ar - mies war on ev - 'ry side, my heart will feel no dread;
3. to gaze up - on the beau - ty of the LORD and see his grace,
4. ⁶My head is lift - ed high a - bove my foes who hem me in;



The LORD's the strong - hold of my life—of whom am I a - afraid?
though war a - gainst me should a - rise, yet I will lift my head.
and seek to know, with - in his house, in - struc - tion in his ways.
I sac - ri - fice with - in his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.



- ²When e - vil - do - ers threat - en me to eat my flesh a - way,
- ⁴One thing I plead be - fore the LORD, and seek with heart up - raised:
- ⁵For he will hide and shel - ter me when comes the e - vil day;
- ⁷LORD, hear me when I call to you; be mer - ci - ful and speak!



my ad - ver - sar - ies and my foes will stum - ble in that day.
 that I may come with - in God's house and dwell there all my days—
 he sets me high up - on a rock; his tent will keep me safe.
⁸“Come, seek my face!” you told my heart; your face, LORD, will I seek.

5. ⁹O do not hide your face from me,
 and do not turn aside
 your servant in your righteous wrath,
 for you have been my guide.
 O God my Savior, leave me not;
 do not reject my plea.
¹⁰My parents may forsake me, LORD,
 but you will welcome me.

6. ¹¹O teach your way and lead me, LORD,
 against my enemies.
¹²To false and cruel witnesses,
 do not deliver me.
¹³Yet I am sure that in this life
 God's goodness I will see.
¹⁴Await the LORD; be strong, take heart.
 For him wait patiently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 24, 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.

+ The Lord's Supper will be observed in Evening Worship tonight. Please close out the Lord's Day with God's people in worship through word and sacrament.

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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

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College Fellowship Lunch: October 24

College students are invited over to the Biese home this Lord's Day after worship for lunch.
 Please text or call Ryan (769-610-5132) with any questions or if you need a ride.
 43 Spring Lane | Ringgold

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BAPTISM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Ezra Luke Rowan

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: cleansing from sin as well as union with Christ in His death and resurrection for His people through His Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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

Nursery Oct. 24: Mary Lou Wilson

Nursery Oct. 31: Rachel Wilson