

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MARCH 26, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



The Introit.....Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

*The Call to Worship

*The Psalm of Praise No. TH12....“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim” (Psalm 135)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of FaithThe Westminster Larger Catechism No. 42

Q. Why was our mediator called Christ?

A. *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.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Law of GodMatthew 22:37–40

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We condemn the sins of others, but ignore our own.

You alone know how often we have grieved you by pursuing our own glory, and ignoring Yours, by trusting in ourselves, and doubting You, by considering ourselves as more important than others.

Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior

The Silent Confession

~ God Assures His People of His Covenant Mercies ~

The Assurance of PardonMicah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. 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.

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

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 46....."God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a bass line. The second system also includes a vocal line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. ¹God is our ref - uge and our strength, our ev - er - pres - ent aid;
2. ⁴A riv - er flows, whose streams de - light the ci - ty of our God—
3. ⁶The na - tions rage, the king - doms shake, when God in might ap - pears.
4. ⁸O come, be - hold the might - y works that God the LORD has wrought,
5. ¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God, on earth ex - alt - ed high;

²and there - fore, though the earth gives way, we will not be a - fraid.
the ho - ly place where God the LORD Most High makes his a - bode.
• He speaks, and at his might - y voice the whole earth melts in fear.
the fear - some des - o - la - tions he to all the lands has brought.
and all the na - tions of the world my name will glo - ri - fy.

Though moun - tains fall in - to the sea, ³though wa - ters foam and roar,
⁵Since God is in her ho - ly midst, the ci - ty will not move,
 • ⁷The LORD of hosts, Al - might - y God, is with us to the end,
⁹He caus - es wars to cease on earth; he breaks the bow and spear.
¹¹The LORD of hosts, Al - might - y God, is with us to the end;

we will not fear, though moun - tains quake as waves en - gulf the shore.
 for God will come at break of day; her help - er he will prove.
 • the God of Ja - cob is for us a for - tress and de - fense.
 The LORD ig - nites the char - i - ots to burn in blaz - ing fire.
 the God of Ja - cob is for us a for - tress and de - fense.

The Encouragement to Give & OfferingMatthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Great Prayer

***The Psalm No. 33.....“With Joy Let Us Sing to the LORD”(pages 4-5)**

1. ¹With joy let us sing to the LORD, all you right - teous,
 2. ⁶The LORD by his word has cre - a - ted the heav - ens;
 3. ¹⁰The LORD brings to noth - ing the plans of the na - tions;
 4. ¹³The LORD looks from heav - en to see all of man - kind,
 5. ¹⁸Be - hold, the LORD's eye is up - on all who trust him,

for fit - ting it is that the up - right give praise.
 and he by his breath made the stars come to be.
 • he frus - trates their coun - sel and makes their schemes fail.
¹⁴he looks from his throne on all dwell - ing on earth—
 who hope in his love, and, in awe, him re - vere.

^{2/3}And skill - ful - ly praise him with harp and with lyre;
⁷The depths of the o - cean he heaps up to - geth - er,
 • ¹¹But all that the LORD in his heart has in - tend - ed,
¹⁵the same one who made them, who all their hearts fash - ioned,
¹⁹They trust that from death he will res - cue and save them,

make mus - ic to God, a new song to him raise.
 and puts in a store - house the waves of the sea.
 • the plans he has made, will for - ev - er pre - vail.
 who knows what they do and con - si - ders its worth.
 and keep them all liv - ing when fam - ine comes near.

⁴For up - right and true is the word God has spo - ken;
⁸So let all the earth and its peo - ple re - vere him,
 • ¹²The na - tion the LORD has em - braced is most bless - ed,
¹⁶The king is not saved by the strength of his ar - my;
²⁰The LORD we a - wait is our help and pro - tec - tion,

the works of the LORD his great faith - ful - ness prove.
 and in the LORD's pres - ence with awe let them stand.
 • where he is ac - know - ledged to be God a - lone;
 the sol - dier as well should not trust his own might.
²¹our heart is glad, trust - ing in his ho - ly name.

⁵And he loves true righ - teous - ness, jus - tice, and judg - ment;
⁹He spoke, it was done, and con - tin - ues to stand fast;
 • this peo - ple he claims, his in - her - it - ed por - tion,
¹⁷The strength of a horse does not make res - cue cer - tain;
²²O LORD, let your cov - e - nant love be up - on us,

the ends of the earth show the LORD's stead - fast love.
 it all was ac - com - plished when he gave com - mand.
 • the ones he has cho - sen and calls as his own.
 a horse is a false hope for win - ning the fight.
 as we hold to you and the hope that we claim.

SERMON NOTES

A. Greeting (vv. 17-22)

1. Chronology & Geography (vv. 17-18)

- a. How long has Lazarus been dead; why did Jesus not arrive sooner?

- b. Why is Bethany’s location a potential danger for Jesus?

2. Company (v. 19)

- a. How is it Jesus’ friends run in the same circles as His opponents?

- b. How will God use the presence of many *Jews* in this place?

c. **Application: *Miracles do not create faith or satisfy critics.***

3. Welcome (vv. 20-21)

- a. How is Martha’s action a departure from custom? How does it confirm the personality details brought out in Luke’s Gospel?

- b. How does this suggest Martha was aware of the danger to Jesus?

- c. Is Martha bitter or resentful toward Jesus?

- d. How does Martha express her continued love, trust, and affection for Jesus in the midst of grief?

4. Confidence (v. 22): How does Martha recognize the unique relation and status Jesus had with the Father?

5. **Application: *Happiness and blessedness are found in knowledge of Christ.***

B. Comfort (vv. 23-24)

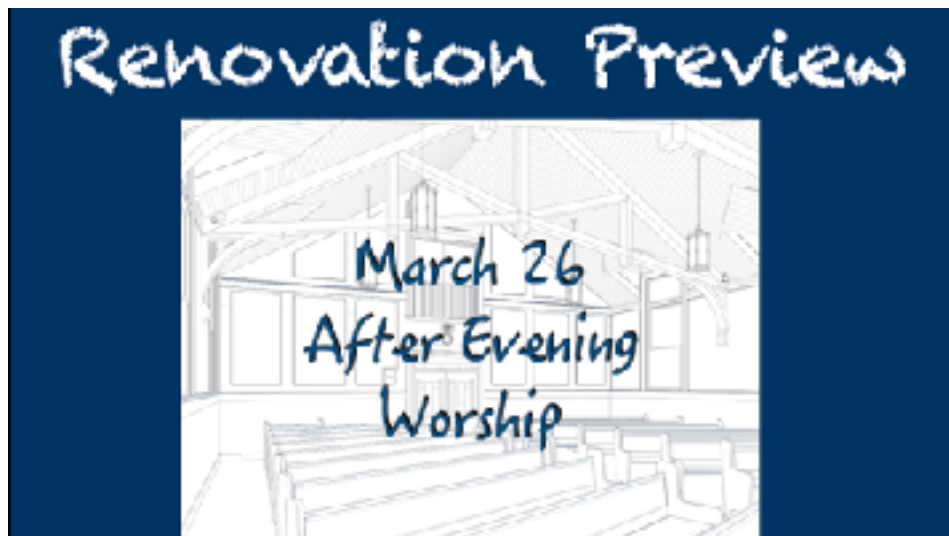
1. Love (v. 23)
 - a. How is this a *masterpiece of planned ambiguity*?
 - b. What is Jesus foreshadowing?
 - c. **Application: *The promises of the Scripture are always richer in their fulfillment than we ordinarily conceive.***
2. Orthodoxy (v. 24)
 - a. What does Martha affirm? In what way are her affirmations too timid?
 - b. Why do orthodoxy, doctrine, or the truth of scripture often leave us bored or disappointed?
 - c. Why should orthodoxy, doctrine, and the truth of Scripture thrill and excite us?

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 542.....“Who Are These Like Stars Appearing”

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735“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.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 26, 2023

- + The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of morning worship next Sunday. There will be no church lunch following worship due to brunch on April 9.
- + There is hope to expand the outreach at the Crossing Apartments to a weekly ministry. If you are willing or interested in serving in this way, please talk with Joseph Wilson or David Bosshardt.
- + There will be no Sunday school April 9, 2023 in light of the Annual FPFO Congregation Brunch. Please bring something "brunchy" to share.
- + Spring FPFO Game night is Friday at 6:00 p.m. This is sponsored the the FPFO Youth and open to all ages. Pizza will be provided.
- + All the ladies of the church are invited to a brunch on April 22 at 10:30 to hear from Jennie Landrath of Choices Pregnancy Center.

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.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the plates, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

Announcements for the bulletin are due weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.

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
6:45-7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. *KidsQuest* (children)
6:45-7:30 p.m. Youth Class
The Gospel of John
On First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays
there is outreach at the Crossings Apts.

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

Nursery March 26: B. Rowan & M. Tuggle

April 2: J. Porter & A. Wilson