

# First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | June 20, 2021 | 6 o'clock

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\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. TH38 .....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

\*THE INVOCATION

\*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.*

THE LAW OF GOD ..... COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty God our Father, we confess before you our sin. We have set our affections on things below, which should have been set on things above, where our treasure is, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; these are the things which we should seek.*

*Yet we have instead paid regard to vain idols and forsaken our hope of steadfast love. We have forsaken the fountain of living waters and instead turned to cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

*We have been anxious concerning what we shall eat and what we shall drink and what we shall wear, instead of seeking first Christ's Kingdom and his righteousness.*

*We have looked at the things that are seen, but are only temporary and we have forgotten and neglected the things that are eternal.*

*Please show mercy toward us. We have gone astray like lost sheep; seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments.*

## THE SILENT CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....Hebrews 6:17-18

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

## THE HYMN SING

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION .....“In Christ, Alone” (p. 6)

THE SCRIPTURE READING: .....Ecclesiastes 7

THE SERMON .....“Escapism versus Realism”

### I. Introduction

A. **Observations:** Where does Solomon encourage us to find rest?

B. **Wisdom:** How do we know Solomon is neither a nihilist nor a pessimist?

## II. Benefits of Wisdom (vv. 1-6)

A. Death as Preacher (vv. 1-2)

B. Gaining Wisdom (vv. 3-5)

C. End of Folly (v. 6)

D. **Application:** Solomon encourages us to lie in light of *what?* And Why

## III. Wisdom Applied (vv. 7-12)

A. Danger of Living (v. 7)

B. Blessing of Endurance (vv. 8-9)

C. Absurdity of “the Good Ole Days” (v. 10)

1. What’s problematic with looking back and longing for things to be “the way they used to be”?
2. **Application:** How is the Christian life primarily about looking forward toward the future?

D. Advantage of Wisdom (vv. 11-12)

## IV. Limits of Wisdom (vv. 13-29)

A. Sovereignty of God (vv. 13-14)

B. I’ve Seen It All (v. 15)

### C. **Trouble:** The Middle Way (vv. 16-17)

1. What sort of *righteousness* is Solomon speaking about and how is he using the term differently than other biblical writers?
  
2. What does Solomon commend?

### D. **More Trouble** (vv. 19-24)

### E. **Deadly Schemes** (vv. 25-29)

\*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. TH421 .....“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*\*please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together\**

*gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 113 .....“Praise God, O Servants of the Lord” (page 8)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE RESPONSE.....“The Doxology”

Praise God , from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# In Christ Alone

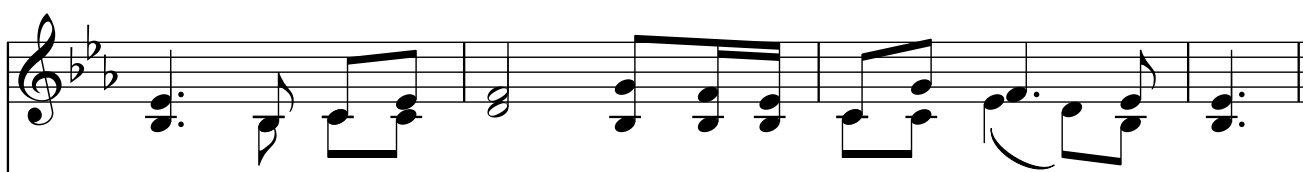
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the  
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

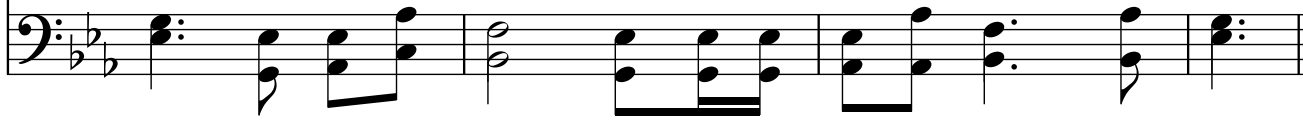
fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,  
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,  
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



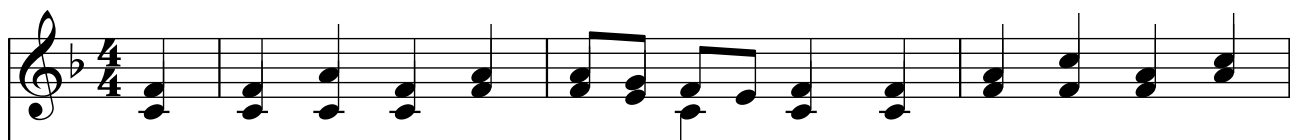
when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -  
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am  
can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -



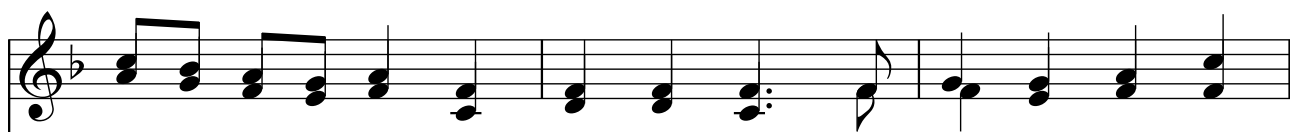
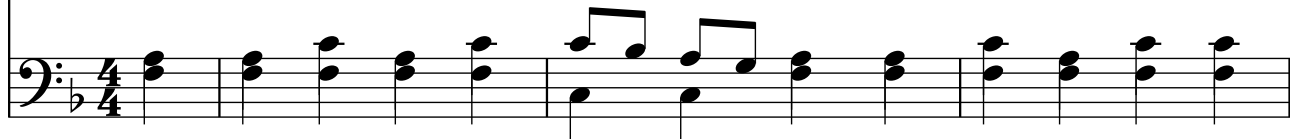
ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.  
his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



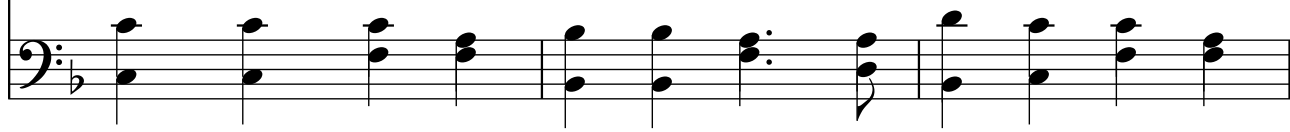
# Psalm 113B



1. <sup>1</sup>Praise God, O ser - vants of the Lord, praise, praise his name with  
2. <sup>3</sup>From ris - ing un - to set - ting sun praised be the Lord, the  
3. <sup>5</sup>On whom but God can we re - ly, the Lord our God who  
4. <sup>7</sup>From dust he lifts the need - y one, from ash - es rais - es  
5. <sup>9</sup>God gives a home to bar - ren ones and bless - es them with



one ac - cord; <sup>2</sup>O bless the Lord, his name a - dore from  
Might - y One; <sup>4</sup>he rules all na - tions by his might, a -  
• reigns on high, <sup>6</sup>who con - de - scends to see and know the  
those bowed down. <sup>8</sup>He seats them by his might - y hand a -  
ho - ly sons. He gives the joy of moth - er - hood. Sing



this time forth for - ev - er - more, from this time forth for - ev - er - more.  
bove the heavens in glo - ry bright, a - bove the heavens in glo - ry bright.  
• things of heaven and earth be - low, the things of heaven and earth be - low?  
mong the princ - es of the land, a - mong the princ - es of the land.  
hal - le - lu - jah! God is good! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! God is good!

