

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day | February 21, 2021 | 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Announcements

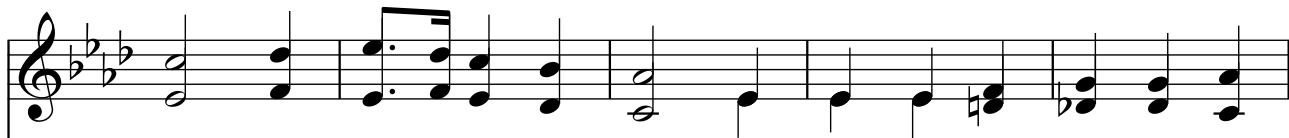
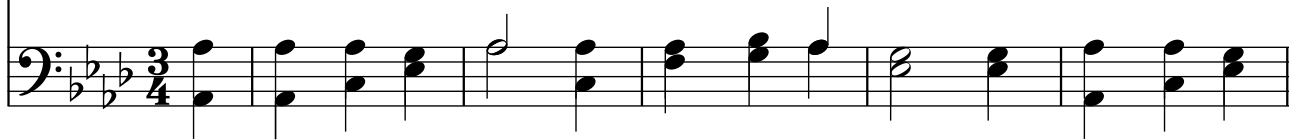
***The Call to Worship**

~ We Respond to God's Call to Worship Him ~

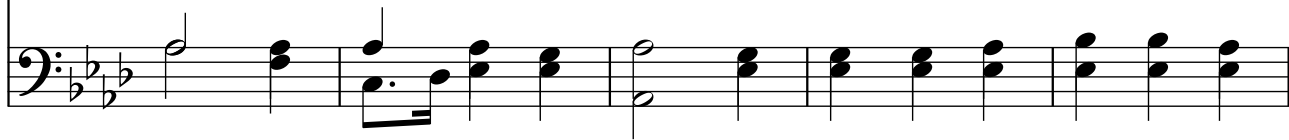
***The Psalm of Praise No. 104** "O Worship the King"



1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.



5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith.....Heidelberg Catechism No. 69**

Q. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins..

The Call to ConfessionHosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we humbly ask You, and for the sake of Your Name, be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Beneath the cross of Christ, we come to know that ours is the guilt, but Yours the forgiveness; ours the condemnation, but Yours the gift of justification; ours the bondage, yet Yours the freedom of adoption and new obedience. Even the faith by which we profess our dear Savior's sacrifice was itself won for us by His death.

Therefore, we cry out to You in sorrow for our sins and in thanksgiving for Your gift. Give us the grace, we pray, to receive again this word of the cross, which alone can refresh us on our pilgrim way, and send us out again into the world.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 10:8-14

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), he does away with first in order to establish the second.

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 56“You Have Recorded All My Ways”**

4. ⁸ You have re - cord - ed all my ways, All path - ways that I
5. ¹⁰ In God whose word I give my praise, The LORD's word I re -
6. ¹² Your vows are bind - ing on me, God, I'll ren - der thanks to

took; With - in Your bot - tle placed my tears, Are
vere, ¹¹ In God I now have put my trust, So
You. ¹³ For You have saved my soul from death, My

they not in Your book? ⁹ When I cry out then
 I will have no fear. In God is where my
 feet from stum - bling, too. So I will walk be -

my foes flee; I know God is for me.
 trust will be; What can man do to me?
 fore God's sight With life and in its light.

The Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

~ God's People Call to Him for Help ~

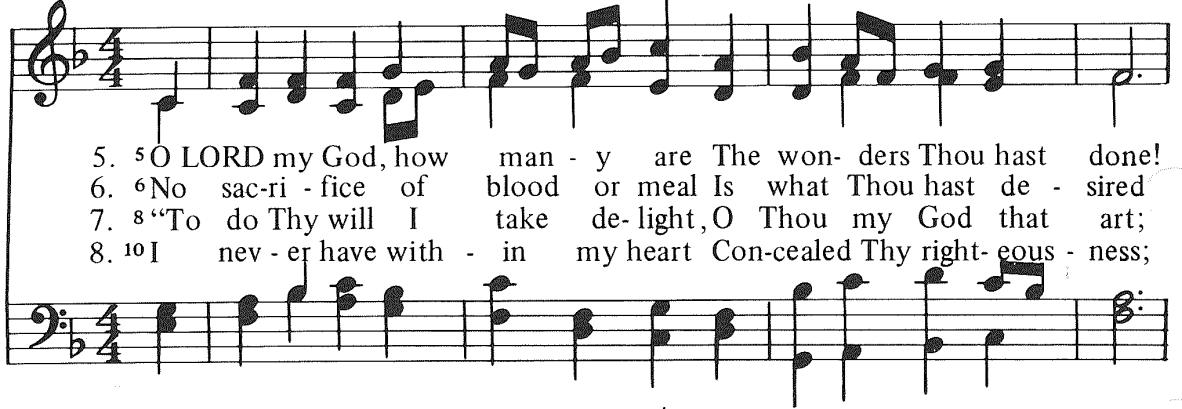
The Great Prayer

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us via this [link](#) or the QR code below. You can also call (706.866.2521) or email (office@fpfo.org) the church office.

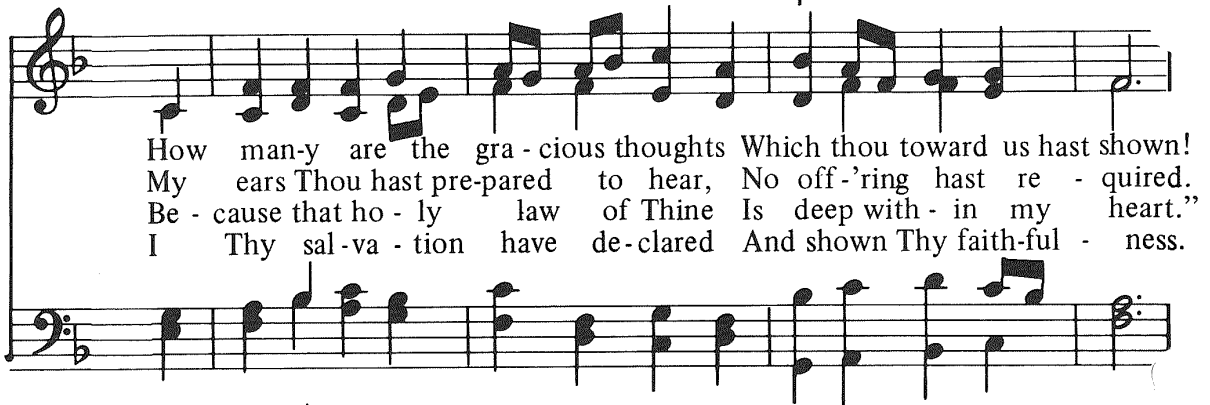


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***The Psalm No. 40.....“O LORD My God, How Many are the Wonders”**



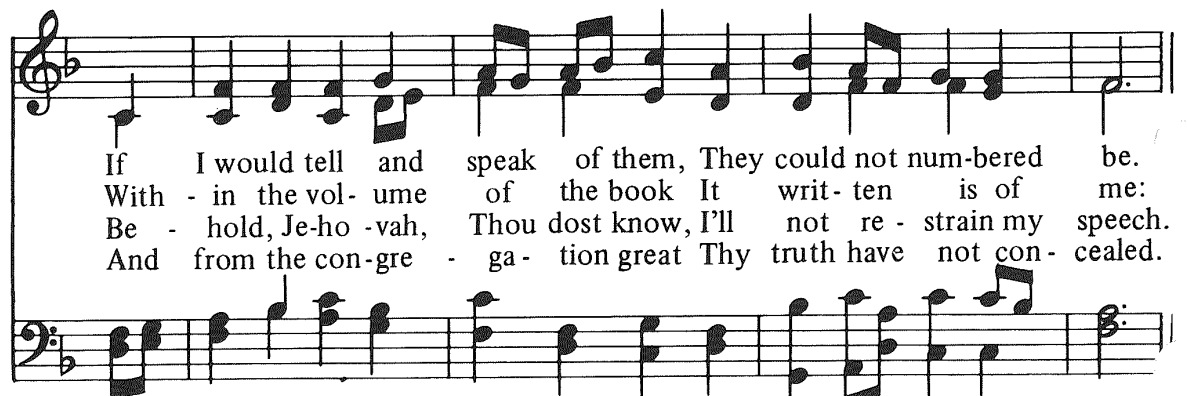
5. ⁵O LORD my God, how man - y are The won - ders Thou hast done!
6. ⁶No sac - ri - fice of blood or meal Is what Thou hast de - sired
7. ⁸“To do Thy will I take de - light, O Thou my God that art;
8. ¹⁰I nev - er have with - in my heart Con - cealed Thy right - eous - ness;



How man - y are the gra - cious thoughts Which thou toward us hast shown!
My ears Thou hast pre - pared to hear, No off - ring hast re - quired.
Be - cause that ho - ly law of Thine Is deep with - in my heart.”
I Thy sal - va - tion have de - clared And shown Thy faith - ful - ness.



No one can sort and set them out; None can com - pare to Thee!
⁷Then in re - sponse these were my words, “I come! Be - hold and see!
⁹With - in the con - gre - ga - tion great I right - eous - ness did preach;
Thy mer - cy great, Thy stead - fast love, I ev - er have re - vealed,



If I would tell and speak of them, They could not num - bered be.
With - in the vol - ume of the book It writ - ten is of me:
Be - hold, Je - ho - vah, Thou dost know, I'll not re - strain my speech.
And from the con - gre - ga - tion great Thy truth have not con - cealed.

“Book of the Covenant: The Rights of Slaves” | Exodus 21:1-11

I. **Introduction**

A. Why need not Christians be embarrassed by this section?

B. What links are there with the Decalogue?

II. **Main Argument**

A. Ordinances for Israel (v. 1)

1. The Book of the Covenant: How are the *rules* given by God different from the Ten Commandments? How are they similar?

2. Rules from God: What is God doing with these rules?

a. **Application**: How does this show us God’s Law is for everyday?

(1) How did Calvin’s liturgy in Strasburg reflect the ongoing role of the Law in the Christian life?

(2) **Application**: How does remembering what God is like help us to understand His Law better?

(3) **Application**: Who is in the wrong if we find something objectionable in God’s Law?

b. What is the nature of the authority the Book of the Covenant had for Israel and has for us now?

3. For Israel: How is Israel’s Law different from the “Code of Hammurabi” in Babylon?

a. How is Israel’s Law different from Egyptian law?

- b. How does the Book of the Covenant establish “equal justice” under the Law in Israel?

B. Male Slaves (vv. 2-6)

1. Reasonable Questions

- a. Is God wrong to fail to outlaw slavery here?
- b. Does God condone or bless slavery?
- c. Does God condone exploitation and/or human trafficking?
- d. How are the Bible’s regulations regarding slavery different from the way slavery was practiced in America or the West Indies?

2. Six Years a Slave (vv. 2-4)

- a. Was God simply making a concession to sinful hearts here?

- b. How did a Hebrew man become a slave?

(1) How does such slavery protect human dignity?

(2) What happened to the slave after six years?

- c. What abiding principles can we draw from this?

- d. Is it unjust that the slave leaves bondage in the same family condition as he entered into slavery?

(1) How is this different from selling a slave’s family down river?

(2) How is this a means of protection for the wife and children?

3. Permanent Part of the Household (vv. 5-6)

- a. Were there any abused slaves in Israel?
- b. How did a man become a slave for the remainder of his life?
- c. How does this ear piercing point us forward to Christ's work?

C. Female Slaves (vv. 7-11)

1. Daughters as Slaves (vv. 7-9): why does abuse of the system not make God immoral, unethical, or unrighteous?

- a. Why would a person's daughter be sold into slavery?
- b. What protections does God establish for the maidservant...
 - (1) ...if she is displeasing?
 - (2) ...if she marries the master's son?

2. Dignity of the Women (vv. 10-11)

- a. Is God condoning polygamy? What does this show us?
- b. What is a wife entitled to even if her husband "upgrades?"
- c. How does this illustrate the work of Christ for us?

The Hymn of Commitment.....“And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let angel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain

die for me?
 quire no more.
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

*The Benediction

*The Response....."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 FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MASK POLICY:

Masks are **required** for the 9:15 a.m. Service

The only exceptions are those actively leading a portion of the service and persons ten and under.

Masks are **recommended** for the 10:45 a.m. Service and 6 p.m. Evening Worship

For more information please visit the church website: www.fpfo.org/Mask21.pdf

What About Nursery? Young children are *always* welcome in worship! Yes, even noisy ones. Yet, if parents prefer there is a nursery available in the lower level of the “new” building. We regret - due to the public health situation - the nursery is not staffed, but the 10:45 a.m. service is live-streamed to the nursery.

- + The shelves above the mailboxes and coat racks will be “decluttered” soon. If you have been using that space as storage, please collect your items today.
- + Officer nomination forms are available on the table outside the auditorium. Completed forms may be submitted in the offering plate or to the church office.
- + The Lord’s Supper will be observed as part of evening worship this Lord’s Day.

ECCLESIASTES: what really matters? Evening Worship | Starting March 14

Keep up with the church in her worship and work:

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting FPFO to 84576.
- + If you are able to support the church in her worship and work, you can do so by placing your offering in the plate at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office or by giving online: www.FPFO.org/give.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord’s Day

9:15 a.m. Morning Worship
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
(except First Sundays)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting*
6:50-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
All to God’s Glory (adults)*
The Life of David (young men)
Is God Great & Good (young women)
KidsQuest (young children)

*Also available remotely: www.FPFO.org/live