

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. | www.FPFO.org | 706.866.2521 | The Lord's Day | May 24, 2020

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

+ Upcoming Events

+ Young Adult Fellowship & Movie Night: June 5 @ 6:00 p.m.

+ Youth Service & Adventure Week June 8-12

+ Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. via zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75630735827?pwd=S1JnbEszdTNISENXSU8xcXVhRWxhQT09>

+ Lord's Day Afternoon Virtual Prayer Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

+ Midweek Virtual "fellowship" Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

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+ Midweek Youth Virtual Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79795566011?pwd=WxzIRzg2NWZ5dHR0dIIdaGUzZkRTQT09>

+ Access to the church building is restricted until further notice in compliance with Governor Kemp's Public Health Emergency Declaration. If you need access to the building during this time, please contact the church office.

+ Online giving link available on the website: FPFO.org/give

+ Through May 30, you can give electronically through the PCA Foundation; there are details on that site to help you do so either through a bank draft or via credit card

+ If you are able do do so via bank draft, the church will receive 100% of your gift; Gifts via credit card are assessed a small processing fee

***The Opening Psalter Reading**Psalm 103:1–5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

***Opening Hymn No. 164**.....“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***The Prayer of Adoration and Lord’s Prayer**

***The Confession of Faith**.....The Heidelberg Catechism No. 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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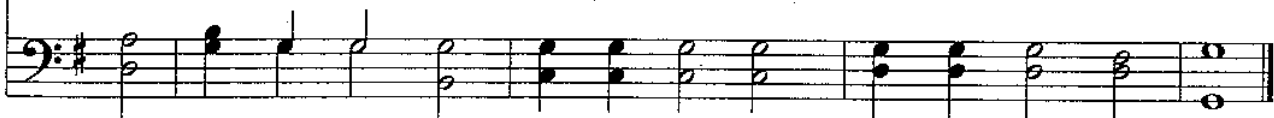
He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8



1. O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem - er's praise,
2. My gra- cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;



- the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.



5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

*The Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, we are guilty: of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to see You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations! We come now to Christ for refuge from every sin and every accusation, He who is our sacrifice and advocate. Please, Lord, subdue our weaknesses, and grant us grace to live above them in Christ. Let us not be mastered by our sins, but now rule over us in holy liberty and holy power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, even for putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, and everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of PardonPsalm 1038-12

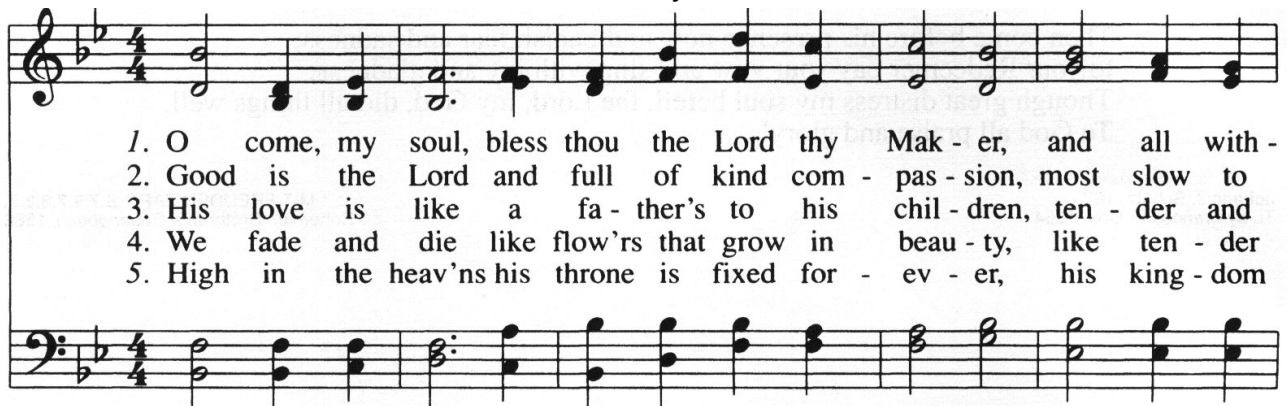
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

The Encouragement to Give.....II Chronicles 29:36

And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced because God had provided for the people, for the thing came about suddenly.

The Great Prayer

*The Psalm No. 6“O Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord” (Psalm 103)



1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom

in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through

get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly

REFRAIN

sav - ing love pro - claim.
 as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear.
 name, O thou my soul.

might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.

I. Introduction

A. For whose benefit are the events of the Exodus recorded?

B. What are the three reminders God gives His Church here?

II. Main Argument

A. Ownership (vv. 1-2)

1. Hodgepodge: Why do some people suggest Exodus 12 and 13 are simply a disorganized collection of various rites, and why is that not the proper way to understand this section of Exodus?
2. Firstborn: what two things is God teaching Israel by the consecration of the firstborn?

B. Holiness (vv. 3-10)

1. Freedom from Slavery (vv. 3-4): what is the lack of leaven designed to teach Israel about their new life?
2. Perpetual Observance (vv. 5-7)
 - a. What will this Feast annually remind Israel?
 - b. Of what is leaven emblematic?
 - c. **Application**: why do we need reminders of spiritual truths and what are some reminders for the New Covenant Church?
3. A Teaching Observance (v. 8)
 - a. How are parents to instruct their children with this feast?

b. **Application:** how do these questions (and answers) get to the heart of the spiritual life?

4. Memorial Reminder (vv. 9-10, 16)

a. How have the Jews misunderstood these commands?

b. What does God mean by these commands for daily life?

C. Redemption (vv. 11-16)

1. Consecration (vv. 11-12): What truth is Israel confessing as they pass over the firstborn animals to Yahweh?

2. Two Exceptions (v. 13)

a. Donkeys: how shall the animal be redeemed, and what happens to it if the owner does not redeem it?

b. Humans: What is the lesson about humanity here?

3. Dwelling in Redemption (vv. 14-16)

a. Why is the principle of substitution so important?

b. **Application:** How does this ritual give us confidence in Christ's sacrifice for sinners here?

c. **Application:** when the Bible speaks of our redemption, what does it often emphasize and how does that shape our living?

d. **Application:** Why is Christ's title *Redeemer* so precious?

e. **Application:** What is the significance of being saved to the Church, the General Assembly of the First Born? (cf. Heb. 12)

*The Hymn No. 168 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art, my on - ly
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace, reign - ing om -
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live, and all our
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness, no harsh - ness
 5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav - ior of my heart, who pain didst un - der -
 nip - o - tent in ev - 'ry place: so come, O King, and
 • sub - stance and our strength re - ceive; O com - fort us in
 hast thou and no bit - ter - ness: make us to taste the
 built up - on thy prom - ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 our whole be - ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • death's ap - proach - ing hour, strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 sweet grace found in thee and ev - er stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
 strong - er hope and sure that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

*The Benediction and Dismissal

The Postlude