

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | November 17, 2024 | 6 o'clock

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THE SESSION

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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 299“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe 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 GODGalatians 5:16–21

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, Who gathers Your children to Yourself, we confess that we have not walked in love, as You have loved us by giving Your Son. Instead, we find ourselves walking down the paths that You have told us not to walk; and we find ourselves drawn to the very things from which we were saved.

We acknowledge that our hearts have entertained lust, uncleanness, and all manner of covetousness. Our lips have uttered that which is filthy, foolish and coarse, and we have not lived before You with hearts of thanksgiving.

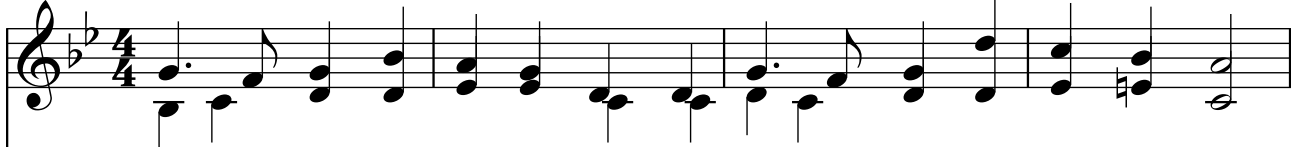
In Your great mercy, forgive us for the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives that where we have sinned against Your word, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

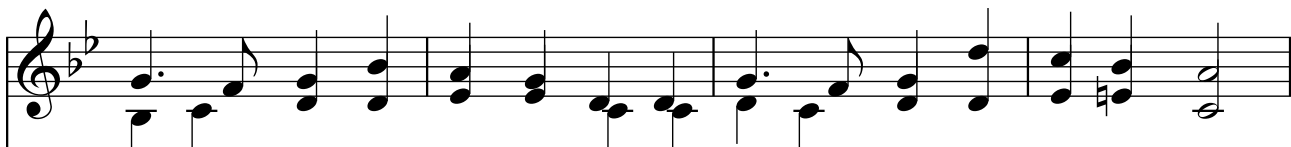
THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

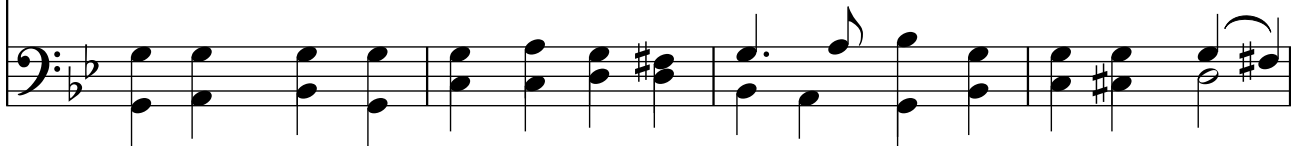
*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 73“Surely God is Good to Israel” (p. 4)



1. ¹Sure - ly God is good to Is - rael, good to those whose hearts are pure.
2. ⁴For 'til death they have no strug - gles; they are health - y, fit, and strong—
3. ⁷How their eyes bulge out with plen - ty, how their hearts spew fool - ish - ness.
4. ¹⁰So their peo - ple, blind - ly turn - ing, drink the wa - ters of their lie;
5. ¹³All in vain, I kept my heart clean, washed my hands in in - no - cence.



- ²As for me, my steps were slip - ping, and my foot - hold was un - sure.
- ⁵un - dis - turbed by woes and trou - bles, as to hu - man life be - long.
- ⁸They de - ride and speak with mal - ice; bold, they threat - en to op - press.
- ¹¹say - ing, "How can God con - trol us? Are we known to God Most High?"
- ¹⁴All day long your plagues af - flict me, morn - ing brings new pun - ish - ment.



- ³For the ar - ro - gant I en - vied, as I saw them live se - cure.
- ⁶Ar - ro - gance be - comes their neck - lace, vi - 'lence is the cloak they don.
- ⁹For their mouths de - fy the heav - ens, and their tongues the earth pos - sess.
- ¹²Thus the wick - ed grow in rich - es, al - ways care - free they a - bide.
- ¹⁵If I spoke thus, then your chil - dren would have suf - fered great of - fense.



6. When I tried to understand this, it was wearisome to me,
Till I came into God's temple and discerned their destiny.
For on slipp'ry ground you place them, and you make their end complete.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGEzra 3:1-6 (p. 363)

THE SERMON“Worship Restored”

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. **Israel Restored (v. 1)**

1. Emphasis on Return

2. Commission for Israel

3. Application: *Worship is the priority of the church.*

B. **Worship Reformed (vv. 2-3)**

1. Altar Rebuilt

2. Altar Restored

3. Fear & Faithfulness

4. Regulated Worship

C. **Festivals Resume (vv. 4-5)**

D. **Work Remains (v. 6)**

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 186“One There Is, Above All Others”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah All Ye Nations (p. 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE NO. 733“The Doxology”

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!