

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

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



*The Call to Worship

~ God's People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....Westminster Larger Catechism No. 165

Q. What is baptism?

A. *Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into Himself, of remission of sins by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.*

The Call to ConfessionIsaiah 40:28

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

♯ C F C Am Dm G C 7 Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

C F Dm G C F E ♯ C F C Dm G C 7

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90
 Isaac Watts, 1719
 Alt. 1990, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

The Confession of Sin

Holy Father, often we approach You with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are not in worship. We offer to You that which costs us little. Though You are a great King, we often bring to You the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected Your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored Your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us our debts! Cleanse us and give to us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In Christ's Name we come to You.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....Hebrews 9:13-14

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 63“O God, You Are My God Alone”

1. ¹O God, you are my God a - lone; with ea - ger -
2. ²I've seen you in your ho - ly place; your pow'r and
3. ⁴I bless you, Lord, through - out my life and raise my
4. ⁶I lie a - wake up - on my bed, re - mem - b'ring
5. ⁷For you have been my help, O God; I sing for

ness I seek your face. My soul and bod - y
 glo - ry held my gaze. ³Your love is bet - ter
 • hands to you in prayer. ⁵My joy - ful lips will
 you be - fore it's light; on you, my God, I
 joy be - neath your wings. ⁸Your right hand holds and

thirst for you, as in a dry and wea - ry place.
 far than life, and thus my lips will sing your praise.
 • sing your praise; my soul is fed with rich - est fare.
 med - i - tate, through - out the watch - es of the night.
 strength - ens me; to you my soul for safe - ty clings.

6. ⁹But those who seek to kill my soul,
 to depths of earth shall fall away;
¹⁰a sword of pow'r will bring them down,
 and they shall be the jackal's prey.

7. ¹¹The king will then rejoice in God,
 and all who swear by him exult;
 but God will stop the liars' mouths,
 the ones who utter what is false.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Frederick "Freddie" Christopher Schoeffler

- + The Covenant Promises and Institution
- + The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
- + The Sign of the Covenant
- + The Prayer of Consecration

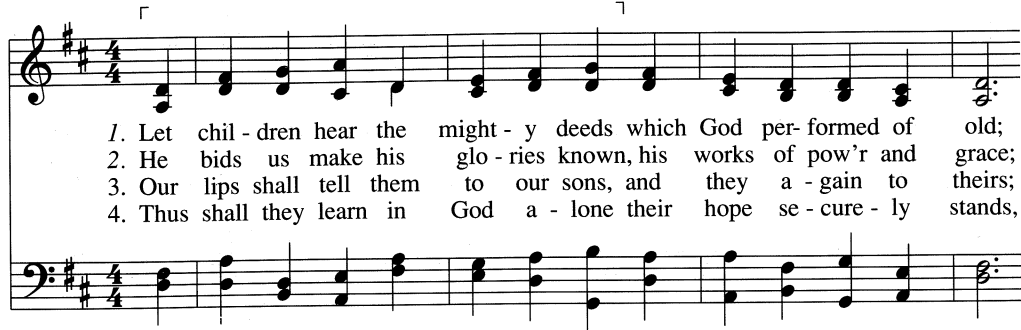
*The Baptismal Psalm No. 364 "Let Children Hear" (Psalm 78:1-7)

The Encouragement to Give 2 Corinthians 9:6

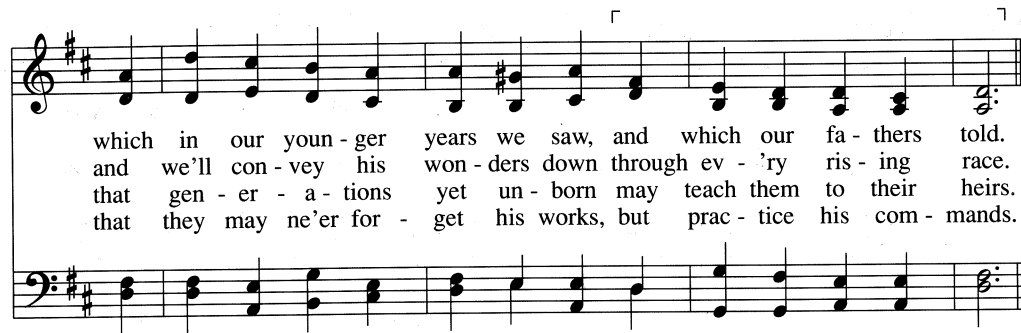
The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

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Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1


1. Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;
 2. He bids us make his glo - ries known, his works of pow'r and grace;
 3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;
 4. Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,



which in our youn - ger years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.
 and we'll con - vey his won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 that gen - er - a - tions yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
 that they may ne'er for - get his works, but prac - tice his com - mands.

The Offertory

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

*The Psalm No. 34 "O Sons and Daughters, Come"

6. ¹¹ O sons and daugh - ters, come! Give ear! And
7. ¹⁵ The LORD on just men keeps His eyes; His
8. ¹⁹ Though righ - teous men great trou - bles see, The

learn from me the LORD to fear. ¹² Who,
ears are o - pen to their cries. ¹⁶ The
LORD from all will set them free. ²⁰ And

seek - ing good, long life de - sires? Or who to man - y
LORD on vile men turns His face, From earth their mem - 'ry
all his bones He'll keep se - cure, No bro - ken ones will

days as - pires? ¹³ From e - vil make your
to e - rase. ¹⁷ The righ - teous cried; the
he en - dure. ²¹ But e - vil slays all

tongue re - frain; From speak - ing lies your lips re - strain.
LORD gave heed, And then from all their trou - bles freed.
wick - ed men; Those hat - ing just men are con - demned.

¹⁴ From ev - ery wick - ed way de - part; Do
¹⁸ To bro - ken hearts the LORD is near, To
²² The LORD re - deems those serv - ing Him, None

good; seek peace with all your heart.
save the con - trite He'll ap - pear.
trust - ing Him will He con - demn.

SERMON NOTES

A. Jewish Hypocrisy (vv. 31-33)

B. Roman Brutality (vv. 34-35)

C. Divine Providence (vv. 36-37)

~ God’s People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 73“Rejoice, All People, Homage Give”

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

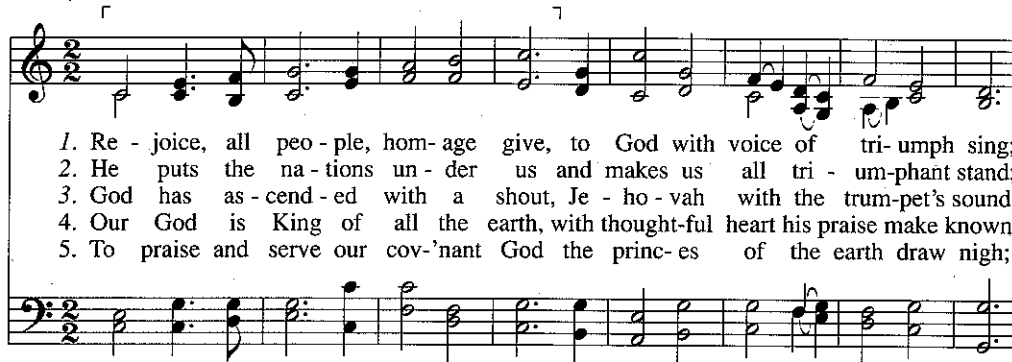
*The Response No. 735“The Gloria Patri”

*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.*

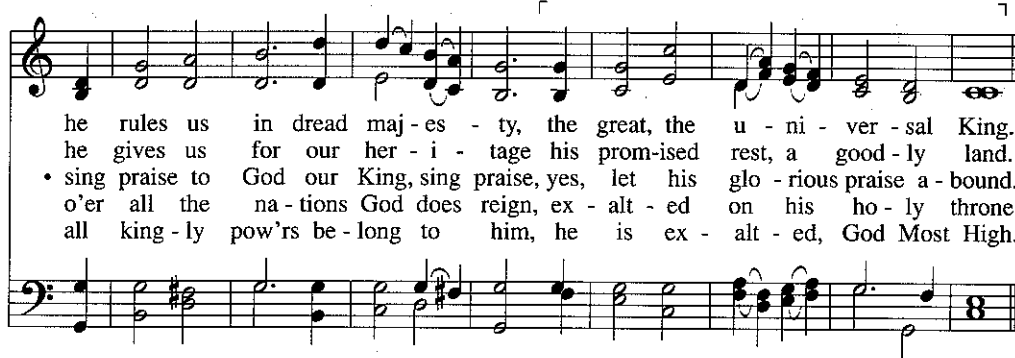
Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

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Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Ps. 47:1



1. Re - joice, all peo - ple, hom - age give, to God with voice of tri - umph sing;
2. He puts the na - tions un - der us and makes us all tri - umphant stand;
3. God has as - cend - ed with a shout, Je - ho - vah with the trum - pet's sound;
4. Our God is King of all the earth, with thought - ful heart his praise make known;
5. To praise and serve our cov - 'nant God the princ - es of the earth draw nigh;



he rules us in dread maj - es - ty, the great, the u - ni - ver - sal King.
he gives us for our her - i - tage his prom - ised rest, a good - ly land.
• sing praise to God our King, sing praise, yes, let his glo - rious praise a - bound.
o'er all the na - tions God does reign, ex - alt - ed on his ho - ly throne.
all king - ly pow'rs be - long to him, he is ex - alt - ed, God Most High.

BAPTISM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This morning we have the joy to witness the baptism of one of our covenant children:

Frederick Christopher Schoeffler

Baptism is one of two sacraments given by Christ to His Church in the New Testament. The word *baptism* means *wash*. There were many ritual washings under the Old Testament. The Lord Jesus instated a New Testament baptism commanding His disciples to go to all the nations, make disciples, teach them to obey all His commands, and baptize them into the Name of the Triune God.

Baptism is a sign and seal of the Covenant of Grace; it both *signifies* (illustrates and portrays) the benefits of the covenant as well as *seals* (assures or confirms the genuineness of) the grace offered and promised in the Covenant of Grace: union with Christ in His death and resurrection for His people through His Holy Spirit as well as cleansing from sin.

It is the *grace* signified in baptism that saves, not the *act* of being baptized. As such, baptism does not cause a person to be born again, infuse a person with grace, wash away original sin, or guarantee or contribute to salvation.

Baptism publicly declares and marks a person out as belonging to Christ's covenant people and distinguishes him or her from the world. For all people, baptism is a call to embrace by faith the promises offered in the sacrament. Baptism is the beginning of Christian discipleship and should be improved throughout one's life by killing our sinful desires and living to righteousness and obedience more and more through faith in Christ.

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Acts 2:38-39

**MOMS
BOOK
STUDY**

First Friday of Every Month
10:30 a.m. at the Church
Contact Erin Tuggle for
more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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

- + This Lord's Day the Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship. Please be preparing your heart to commune with Christ and His people by faith at His table tonight.
- + September collection for Operation Christmas Child is 30 more soaps, 60 washcloths, 80 toothbrush caps and small bags of fishing line (not large spools).
- + Dr Jonathan Master, President of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary will be preaching in morning and evening worship on September 29 to begin our "Reformation Month" festivities. Following worship there will be pie.
- + A pictorial membership directory is planned for publication in late 2024 or early 2025. Please email the church office (office@fpfo.org) of any changes to your contact information.
- + On Saturday, October 26, 2024 we will have a "Reformation Festival and Thanksgiving Meal." Please mark your calendars for this catered supper for the congregation to feast and reflect together upon God's great goodness to us.

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 offering plate, by mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

Wednesday

9:20 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)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class

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

Nursery: Sept 15: L. Bible & A. Bandy

Sept. 22: Sarah Wilson & M. Tuggle