# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

- \*The Call to Worship
- \*The Hymn of Praise No. 162 ....."Of the Father's Love Begotten"
- \*The Prayer of Adoration

The Presentation of New Members: Tim & Dona Barnett

hope, and in him I come before you this day.

- + Biblical Explanation
- + Vows of Membership
- + Prayer
- + Benediction
- \*The Confession of Faith.....The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 47
  - Q. How did Christ humble Himself in His conception and birth?
  - A. Christ humbled Himself in His conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, He was pleased in the fullness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with various circumstances of more than ordinary humiliation.

## The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm this to me. I have done that which you have forbidden and left undone what you have commanded. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn me. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To him now I flee; forgive me for his sake, and by your Spirit help me to live in the light of his sacrifice, a life worthy of your name. Judge me not according to my work

but according to your great mercy in Jesus Christ, my Lord. For in him I

## Of the Father's Love Begotten

In the beginning was the Word.... The Word was made flesh ... and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. John 1:1, 14 KJV



### 201

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2



#### The Silent Confession

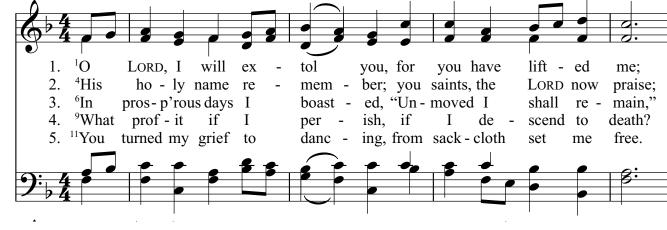
And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its

legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. \*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 201 ....."O Little Town of Bethlehem"

The Offering and Encouragement to Give.....Luke 2:10–11 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the

city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The Old Testament Reading......Genesis 35:16-29 The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis \*The Psalm No. 30 ....."O LORD, I Will Extol You"





в.	Glory (vv. 18-19a)		
C.	Calling (v. 19b)		

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese
"Restoration" | John 21:15-19 | p. 853 | Light Shines in the Darkness No. 133

SERMON NOTES

A. Commission (vv. 15-17)

World without end. Amen. Amen.

#### FPFO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

No Midweek Activities

6:25 p.m. Caroling

Wednesday, Dec. 18

The Lord's Day, Dec. 22

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The Lord's Day, January 26

Wednesday, Dec. 25

**Community Christmas Caroling** 

7:45 p.m. Desserts & Hot Chocolate at the Church

6:00 p.m. Joint PM Worship at Cornerstone OPC

1813 Long Street | Chattanooga, Tennessee

No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged

No Sunday School; AM Worship Schedule Unchanged

Dr. Dennis Johnson Preaching in AM & PM Worship

5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Supper

Wednesday, Jan. 1	No Midweek Activities
Saturday, Jan. 11	9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Begins
The Lord's Day, Jan. 5	Sunday School Resumes;
Wednesday, Jan. 15	6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting & WIC Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 18	Ladies Tea

## 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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: <a href="FPFO.org/give">FPFO.org/give</a>

## Knowing That Christ Is at the Father's Right Hand.

By Richard Sibbes edited by David B. MacKinnon

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. Col. 1:24

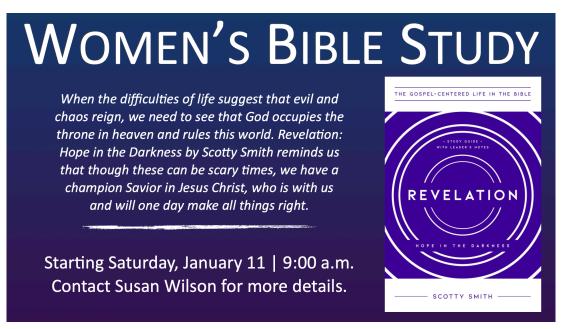
Christ's ascension is a ground of contentment in all conditions. What if we lack comfort, houses, or anything on earth, when we have heaven provided for us, and glory provided for us in our Head? Will not any condition content a man in this world, who has such a glorious condition in the eye of faith to enter into? We should look up to heaven with comfort: Yonder is my Savior, yonder is a house provided for me.

Here we may lack comforts, we may be thrust out of house and home, out of our country and all; but all the world, and all the devils in hell, cannot thrust us out of heaven, nor dissolve or break the communion that is between Christ and us. Therefore, we should be content with any condition in this world. Christ is ascended into heaven, to keep a blessed condition for us.

Likewise, when we think of the troubles of this world, of the enemies we have here, we must often only think of Christ taken up to glory. But he first suffered, and then he entered into glory. We must be content to suffer first, and then be glorified. We were predestined to be conformed to Christ's image. Where stands our conformity? It is first in being humbled, and then being glorified. Christ entered into glory in this order, and will we think to come to heaven in another order than Christ did?

If we are in Christ, all that we suffer in this world, are sufferings of conformity that make us like our Head and fit us for glory. Our greatest humiliations, what are they in comparison to the humiliation of Christ? None was ever so low, and there is none so high. As he was the lowest in humiliation, so he is the highest in glory. When he was at the lowest, in the grave, not only dead, but under the kingdom and command of death, then he rose gloriously and ascended. Our lowest humiliations are forerunners of our advancement and glory.





To order the book in advance, please sign up with Margaret Davis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 15, 2024 Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be **emailed** to **office@fpfo.org**.

+ Please answer God's call to worship this evening with us at 6:00 p.m. We will have our normal hymn sing to begin worship, so be ready with your requests! The

Lord's Supper will be observed as part of worship tonight as well.

- +We are celebrating with John and Julia Porter on the coming birth of their baby. There will be a basket (running from 12/1/24 to 12/22/24) in the fellowship hall for those who'd like to give them diapers, wipes, gift cards, etc.
- + The Annual Desserts and Caroling returns December 18 at 6:25 p.m. Midweek Supper will start at 5:45 p.m. There are no other midweek activities this week.
- +Please see the updated calendar on page 6 in the bulletin for list of schedule changes and special activities during this season.
- +Andrew Keller will be here today and December 29 to take pictures for the updated member directory. All church members are encouraged to participate.

with your phone, email the church office, or call 706-866-2521.

To record your worship with us or submit prayer requests, please scan the QR code



#### **FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule** The Lord's Day Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

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

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast

6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Song Class

**WAAK 94.7 FM** 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship (excluding First Sundays)

Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under. Nursery: Dec.15 S. Taylor & A. Wilson Dec. 22: B. Rowan & M. Tuggle