

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. | www.FPFO.org | 706.866.2521 | 1 Harker Road

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 5, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

*The Call to Worship

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

*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

*The Confession of Faith The Apostle's Creed (p. 845)

The Call to Confession.....1 Timothy 6:11-16

The Prayer of Confession

Faithful God in heaven, we return to You praise and thanks as we reflect upon how You have so abundantly met our every need. Yet we bow ourselves before You in humility, acknowledging our failure to honor You as You deserve. Heavenly Father, forgive us for our petty refusals to obey Your Word, for our obstinate rebellion against Your sovereign rule in our lives, and for our cold-hearted betrayals of Christ, the Lover of our souls. He died for us, but we do not live entirely for Him. He unflinchingly faced the scorn and censure of sinful men, but we have repeatedly failed to give a clear testimony of His grace, goodness, power, and might. For His sake, have mercy on us, and grant to us Your Spirit that we would be strengthened to run the race with endurance, to fight the good fight of faith, and to hold fast to the confession of our hope without failing. In Christ's precious Name, we pray.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Psalm 103:8-13

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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*The Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" (pp. 2-3)

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

1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,
 3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain,
 4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
 5. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore Thee,

once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand
 robbed in dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who
 heav'n and earth, shall flee a - way; all who
 see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear! And His
 high on Thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the
 set at naught and sold Him, pierced, and
 hate Him must, con - found - ed, hear the
 saints, by men re - ject - ed, com - ing
 take the pow'r and glo - ry, claim the

tri - umph of His train. Al - le -
 nailed Him to the tree, deep - ly
 trump pro - claim the day: Come to
 with Him in the air. Al - le -
 king - dom for Thine own: O come

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come to
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 quick - ly, O come quick - ly, O come

lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

O Lord, Be Thou My Helper True

50

Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men.
Ps. 12:1

1. O Lord, be thou my help - er true, for
 2. The lips that speak, the truth to hide, the
 3. Be - cause the poor are sore op - pressed, be -
 4. Je - ho - vah's prom - is - es are sure, his

just and god - ly men are few; the faith - ful who can
 tongues of ar - ro - gance and pride, that boast - ful words em -
 cause the need - y are dis - tressed, and bit - ter are their
 words are true, his words are pure as sil - ver from the

find? From truth and wis - dom men de - part, with
 ploy, false - speak - ing tongues that boast their might, that
 cries, the Lord will be their help - er strong; to
 flame. Though base men walk on ev - 'ry side, his

flat - t'ring lips and dou - ble heart they speak their e - vil mind.
 own no law, that know no right, Je - ho - vah will de - stroy.
 save them from con - tempt and wrong Je - ho - vah will a - rise.
 saints are safe, what - e'er be - tide, pro - tec - ted by his name.

The Offering 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.

The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 37:18-36

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

***The Psalm No. TH50.....“O Lord, Be Thou My Helper True” (Psalm 12)**

The SermonPastor Ryan Biese

“When Words Are Cheap” | Psalm 12 | p. 422 | *The Psalms: The Way of Life* No. 12

SERMON NOTES

A. Plots & Propaganda (vv. 1-4)

1. Missing (v. 1)

2. Corruption (v. 2)

3. Prayer (vv. 3-4)

B. Preservation & Power (vv. 5-7)

1. Answer (v. 5)

2. Purity (v. 6)

3. Protection (v .7)

C. Persistent & Pervasive (v. 8)

1. Tension

2. Hope

670

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Ps. 55:22

1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, and hope in
 2. What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, these nev - er -
 3. On - ly be still, and wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
 4. All are a - like be - fore the High - est; 'tis eas - y
 5. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, so do thine

him through all thy ways, he'll give thee strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help, if thou be - wail thee
 • hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's plea - sure
 to our God, we know, to raise thee up though low thou li - est,
 own part faith - ful - ly, and trust his Word—though un - de - serv - ing,

and bear thee through the e - vil days: Who trusts in God's un -
 o'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and tri - als
 • and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; nor doubt our in - most
 to make the rich man poor and low; true won - ders still by
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on the Rock that naught can move.
 do but press the heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 • wants are known to him who chose us for his own.
 him are wrought who set - teth up and brings to naught.
 sook at need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Response No. 670.....“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God’s People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 117.....“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 7)


The Benediction

*The Response No. 733“The Doxology”

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

When the difficulties of life suggest that evil and chaos reign, we need to see that God occupies the throne in heaven and rules this world. Revelation: Hope in the Darkness by Scotty Smith reminds us that though these can be scary times, we have a champion Savior in Jesus Christ, who is with us and will one day make all things right.

Starting Saturday, January 11 | 9:00 a.m.
Contact Susan Wilson for more details.



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



Ladies Tea

Join the women for a time of fellowship at the church.
Please bring a brunch item to share. All ages are welcome.

January 18, 2025
11:00 a.m.



Psalm 117

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 5, 2025

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

- + There is no evening worship tonight, but evening worship resumes next week.
- + On Wednesday, January 15 the covered dish supper will begin at 5:55 p.m. and be followed by the Session and Women in the Church meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. No other midweek activities are scheduled for that week.
- + Please do not bring food into the auditorium. Tables and chairs for eating are provided in the fellowship hall.

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: FPFO.org/give

FPFO UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 15	6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting & WIC Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 18	Ladies Tea
The Lord's Day, Jan. 19	Congregational Forum after Morning Worship
The Lord's Day, Jan. 26	Dr. Dennis Johnson Preaching in AM & PM Worship

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

Wednesday

9:30 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

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

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

Nursery: Jan. 5: M. L. Wilson & A. Bandy

Jan. 12 L. Bible & S. Wilson