

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 19, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise No. 75** “O Father, You Are Sovereign”

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith**.....The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 32

Q. How is the grace of God manifested in the Covenant of Grace?

A. *The grace of God is manifested in the Covenant of Grace, in that He freely provides and offers to sinners a mediator, and life and salvation by Him; and, requiring faith as the condition to interest them in Him, promises and gives His Holy Spirit to all His elect, to work in them that faith, with all other saving graces; and to enable them unto all holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God, and as the way which He hath appointed them to salvation.*

The Call to Confession..... Ephesians 2:1–3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

The Prayer of Confession

Father, no one can forgive sins except You alone. No one can determine what is a sin except You alone. We confess that, according to Your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against You in this last week, and we seek Your cleansing, and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved You as we ought. We have neglected to glorify You in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to You. For these sins, we ask Your pardon. Mercy and truth go before Your face. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to You belongs great mercy. We come to You now, Father, seeking Your free pardon in Christ. In Jesus' Name we pray.

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O Father, You Are Sovereign

The LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27

1. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se' - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Margaret Clarkson, 1982

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Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

The Silent Confession

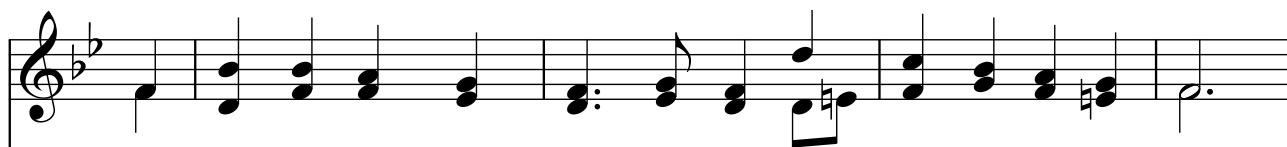
The Assurance of PardonEphesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

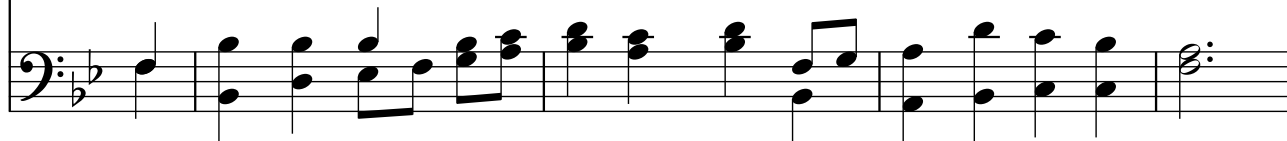
*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 27“The LORD’s My Light

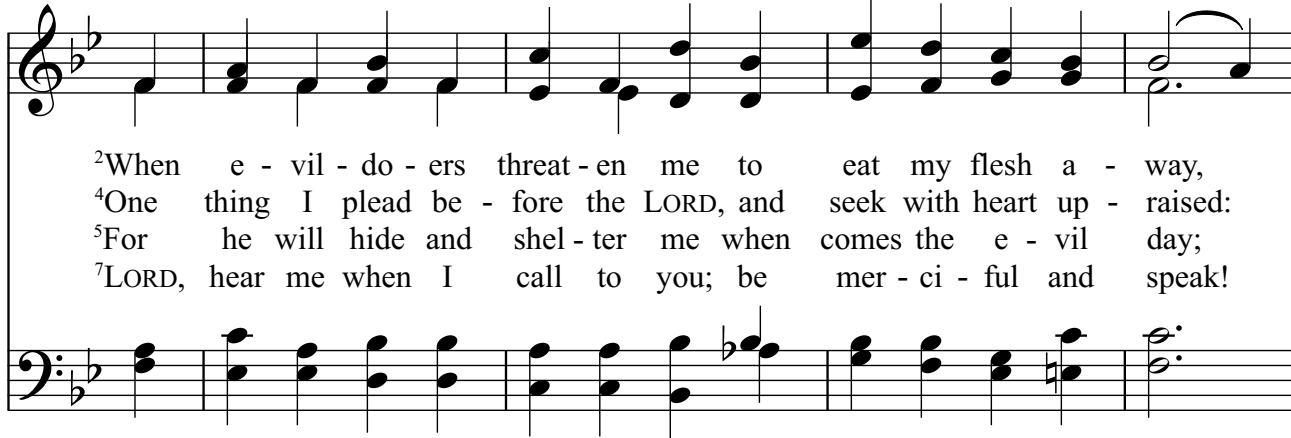


1. ¹The LORD's my light and sav - ing help—by whom am I dis - mayed?
2. ³Though ar - mies war on ev - 'ry side, my heart will feel no dread;
3. to gaze up - on the beau - ty of the LORD and see his grace,
4. ⁶My head is lift - ed high a - bove my foes who hem me in;



The LORD's the strong - hold of my life—of whom am I a - fraid?
though war a - gainst me should a - rise, yet I will lift my head.
and seek to know, with - in his house, in - struc - tion in his ways.
I sac - ri - fice with - in his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.





²When e - vil - do - ers threat - en me to eat my flesh a - way,
⁴One thing I plead be - fore the LORD, and seek with heart up - raised:
⁵For he will hide and shel - ter me when comes the e - vil day;
⁷LORD, hear me when I call to you; be mer - ci - ful and speak!



my ad - ver - sar - ies and my foes will stum - ble in that day.
 that I may come with - in God's house and dwell there all my days—
 he sets me high up - on a rock; his tent will keep me safe.
⁸“Come, seek my face!” you told my heart; your face, LORD, will I seek.

5. ⁹O do not hide your face from me,
 and do not turn aside
 your servant in your righteous wrath,
 for you have been my guide.
 O God my Savior, leave me not;
 do not reject my plea.
¹⁰My parents may forsake me, LORD,
 but you will welcome me.

6. ¹¹O teach your way and lead me, LORD,
 against my enemies.
¹²To false and cruel witnesses,
 do not deliver me.
¹³Yet I am sure that in this life
 God's goodness I will see.
¹⁴Await the LORD; be strong, take heart.
 For him wait patiently.

The Offering and Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 96:7-9

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 39

The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis

***The Psalm No. 14“Within His Hearth the Fool Speaks” (pp. 4-5)**



1. ¹ With - in his heart the fool speaks, He says, “There is no God.”
2. ³ They all have strayed and wan - dered, Cor - rupt they have be - come;
3. ⁵ There they will be in ter - ror, For God is with the just.



- In mal - ice, they do vile deeds; Not one of them does good.
Not one shows an - y good - ness, No, not a sin - gle one.
⁶ Though you would shame the need - y, The LORD re - mains his trust.



² The LORD looks down from heav - en To see the sons of men,
⁴ With - in such e - vil - do - ers, Is there no knowl - edge stored?
⁷ May res - cue come from Zi - on, And joy to Is - r'el bring!

If one for God is seek - ing, If an - y un - der - stands.
 Like bread they eat My peo - ple, Not call - ing on the Lord.
 The LORD will free His cap - tives, With joy will Ja - cob sing!

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese

“The Fool vs. Reality” | Psalm 14 | p. 423 | *The Psalms: The Way of Life* No. 14

SERMON NOTES

A. Assessment (vv. 1-3)

1. The Fool (v. 3)

2. The Judge (v. 2)

3. The Race (v. 3)

B. Assurance (vv. 4-6)

1. Context (vv. 4-5)

2. Safety (v. 6)

C. Aspiration (v. 7)

1. Prayer

2. Joy

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 360“When In His Might the Lord” (Psalm 126)

The Benediction

*The Response No. 735“The Gloria Patri”

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.

Continues Saturday, January 25 | 9:00 a.m.
Contact Susan Wilson for more details.



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When in His Might the Lord

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.
Ps. 126:1

1. When in his might the Lord a - rose to set us free, and
2. The na - tions saw with fear the might of God dis - played, when
3. A - gain re - fresh us, Lord, with your re - viv - ing love, and
4. Al - though with bit - ter tears the sow - er bears his seed, when

Zi - on was re - stored from her cap - tiv - i - ty, in trans - ports
he at last drew near to give his peo - ple aid; great things for
be your bless - ing poured in mer - cy from a - bove; by grace re -
har - vest time ap - pears he shall be glad in - deed; for they that

then of joy and mirth we praised the Lord of all the earth.
us the Lord has wrought, and glad - ness to our hearts has brought.
vive our hearts a - gain, as streams re - freshed by co - pious rain.
in the sow - ing weep shall yet in joy and glad - ness reap.

From Psalm 126
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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John Goss, 1800-1880
Arr. by Uzziah C. Burnap, 1874

Sunday School Next Week: Dr Dennis Johnson on Revelation!

REVELATION'S VISIONS VISUALIZED

By Dr. Dennis E. Johnson



(1:19) "Things that Are"

".... Things that Shall Occur After These Things"

Age of Restraint (of God's Wrath and of Satan's Power to Deceive and Destroy)—Jesus' Death/Exaltation until Just before his Second Coming

Consummation — Christ's Second Coming, Last Battle, Last Judgment, New Heavens & Earth

Letters: Son of Man & His Churches (1:9—3:22)

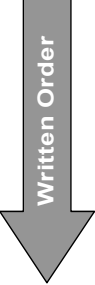
Intensified Trauma precedes 2nd coming

"All Things New"

Lamb and Seals 1—4: **Instruments** of Lamb's Wrath (4:1—6:8)

Seal 5: **Reason** for Lamb's Wrath—his martyrs' suffering (6:9-11)

Seal 6: Final Cosmos-Quake (6:12-17)



Interlude: God's International Israel Protected from Wrath on Earth and Gathered in Heaven (Rev. 7)

Seal 7: **Reason** for Lamb's Wrath—his churches' prayers (8:1-5)

Trumpets 5—6: **Escalating Implementation** of Lamb's Wrath (8:13—9:21)

Trumpets 1—4: **Restrained Implementation** of Lamb's Wrath (8:6-12)

Interludes: End of Lamb's restraint announced; God's Temple/Witnesses Protected and Slain (Rev. 10:1—11:14)

Trumpet 7: Destroyers destroyed, Christ's Kingdom consummated (11:15-19)

Woman, Child, Dragon: Dragon/destroyer thwarted, Messiah enthroned, Church protected in desert (12:1-6)

Michael & Dragon: Dragon/accuser disbarred, Martyrs conquer, Church pursued and protected in desert (12:7-18)

Dragon, Beast, False Prophet, & Harlot Babylon Wage War on Church (13:1—19:21)

Beasts emerge (13)
Sealed sing new song (14:1-5)
Warnings Harvests (14:6-20)
Babylon revealed (17:1-18)

Bowls: Last Wrath (15-16)

Babylon destroyed (18:1-19:4)

Lamb's Marriage Announced (19:5-10)

Last Battle: Beasts defeated (19:11-21)

Last Battle: Dragon defeated (20:7-10)

Last Judgment (20:11-15)

New Heavens & Earth (21:1-8)

New Jerusalem, Lamb's Bride (21:9-22:5)

Thousand Years: Dragon/deceiver bound, Martyrs rule (20:1-6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 19, 2025

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. The Lord's Supper will be observed tonight as part of evening worship.
- + The Annual Congregation Forum will be after morning worship today. This will be a time for the Session to present the budget and provide updates to the congregation as well as for the congregation to ask questions.
- + On January 26 Dr Dennis Johnson will be teaching in Sunday school as well as preaching in Morning and Evening worship. He is a world-renowned New Testament scholar, seminary professor, and a local pastor.
- + Beginning in February the morning sermon series will be in the book of Ephesians.
- + Next Lord's Day representatives from *Choices Pregnancy Center* will be available before and after worship to discuss ways to serve mothers and children in need.

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

To record your worship with us or submit prayer requests, please scan the QR code with your phone, email the church office, or call 706-866-2521.



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 19: B. Rowan & A. Wilson

Jan. 26: R. Wilson & M. Tuggle