# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia
Evening Worship
The Lord's Day | December 15, 2024 | 6 o'clock
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THE SESSION
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### THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

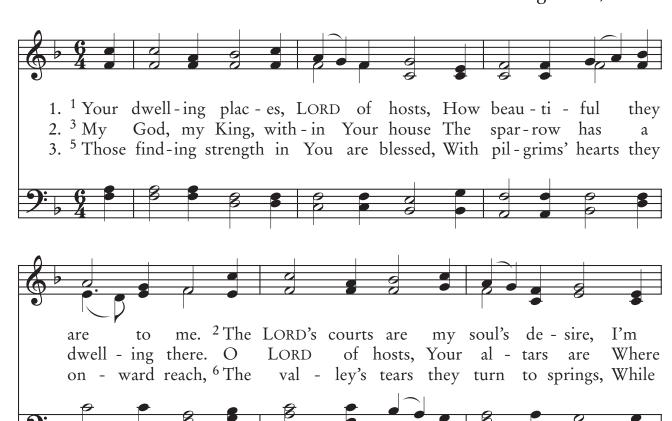
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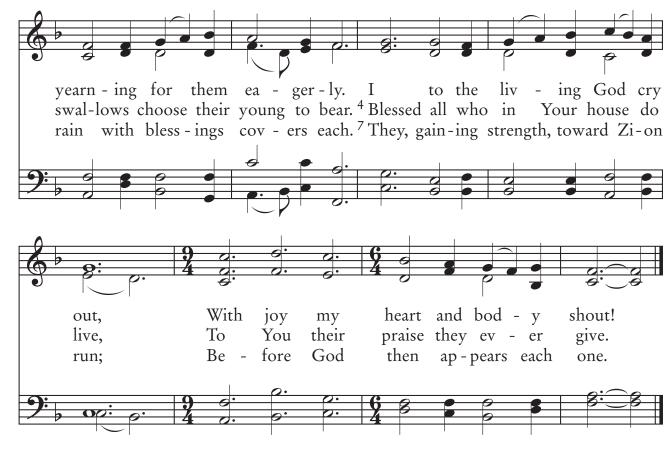
### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*The Psalm of Praise No. 84....."Your Dwelling Places, LORD"





\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION & LORD'S PRAYER

\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH ......The Nicene Creed (page 846)

THE LAW OF GOD......Ephesians 4:1–7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

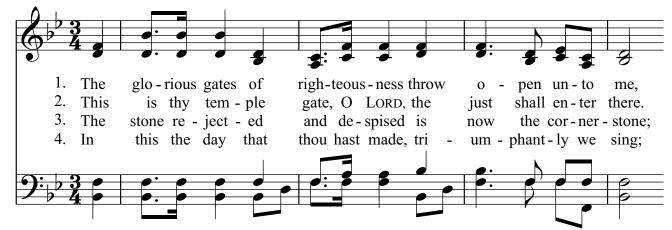
Lord, the great and awesome God, You are righteous, but today we are covered with shame, because we have sinned against You. Though You are merciful and forgiving, we have turned away from You, we have rebelled against You, and have refused to obey Your good and perfect commands.

O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and who made a name for Yourself that endures to this day, let not Your anger fall upon us. Turn to us and hear our prayer and forgive us, showing us Your grace and mercy. For Your sake, O God, do not delay, because Your Church and Your people bear Your Name.

## THE SILENT CONFESSION

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

\*The Psalm of the Month No. 118 ......"The Glorious Gates" (pages 4-5)





The Scripture Reading ...... Ezra 4:1-5 (p. 363)

THE SERMON ......Protecting the Purity of the People and Project

# A. Rapid Progress (v. 1)

- 1. Reformation
- 2. Antagonism
- B. Samaritan Proposal (v. 2)
  - 1. Offer

C.		anding on Principle (v. 3) <u>Unity</u>
	2.	<u>Rejection</u>
	3.	Reason
D.		maritan Politics (vv. 4-5) Response
	2.	<u>Failure</u>
Е.		oplication Destructive Power of Pluralism
	2.	Response to Discouragement
	3.	Schemes of the Devil
	4.	<u>Urgency of Prayer</u>

2. <u>Identity</u>

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!" (page 8)

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*The Response No. 733....."The Doxology"

Wednesday, Dec. 18

The Lord's Day, Dec. 29

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Wednesday, Jan. 1 Saturday, Jan. 11

The Lord's Day, Jan. 5

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Saturday, Jan. 18

FPFO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR **Community Christmas Caroling** 

5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Supper

6:25 p.m. Caroling 7:45 p.m. Desserts & Hot Chocolate at the Church

No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged

The Lord's Day, Dec. 22 No Midweek Activities Wednesday, Dec. 25

No Sunday School; AM Worship Schedule Unchanged 6:00 p.m. Joint PM Worship at Cornerstone OPC

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No Midweek Activities

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Begins

Sunday School Resumes;

6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting & WIC Meeting

Ladies Tea

Dr. Dennis Johnson Preaching in AM & PM Worship

The Lord's Day, January 26



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