

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | OCTOBER 20, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

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\*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 274....."Thine Be the Glory"

\*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith .....The Heidelberg Catechism No. 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

*A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.*

The Call to Confession.....1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

The Prayer of Confession

*O Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Therefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition.*

*Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as you blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Silent Confession

Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he  
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,  
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,  
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

REFRAIN  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

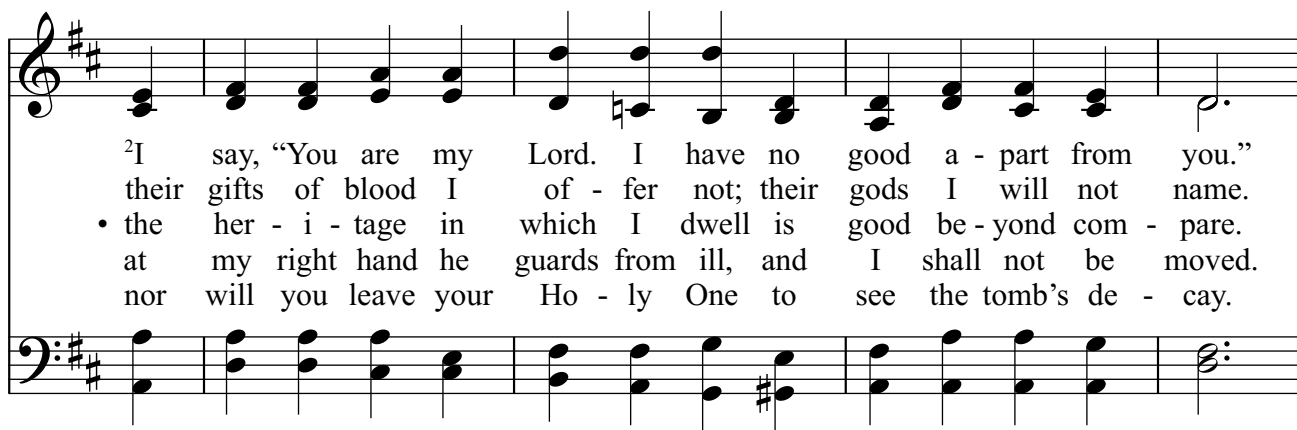
# The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## \*The Psalm No. 16 .....“Preserve Me, O My God” (pages 2-3)



1. <sup>1</sup>Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.  
2. <sup>4</sup>Those seek - ing oth - er gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;  
3. <sup>6</sup>The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;  
4. <sup>8</sup>I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;  
5. <sup>10</sup>For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,



<sup>2</sup>I say, “You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you.”  
their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.  
• the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.  
at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.  
nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb’s de - cay.

<sup>3</sup>The saints through-out the earth— in them is my de - light,  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;  
 • <sup>7</sup>I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.  
<sup>9</sup>My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.  
<sup>11</sup>Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store

for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.  
 the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.  
 • My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.  
 My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.  
 is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~  
**The Offering and Encouragement to Give .....2 Corinthians 9:7-8**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 30:25-31:16**  
**The Great Prayer.....Elder Wil Davis**

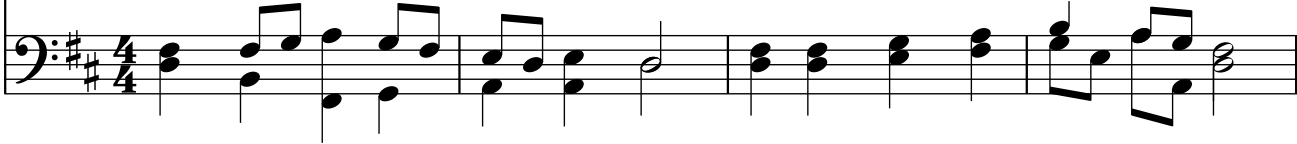
~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

\*The Psalm No. 2 .....“Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?” (pages 4-5)

# Psalm 2B



1. <sup>1</sup>Why do hea-then na - tions rage? Why do peo - ples plot in vain?  
2. <sup>4</sup>He who sits in heav - en laughs; God de - rides and mocks them all.  
3. <sup>7</sup>I will tell of his de - cree: this to me the LORD did say,  
4. <sup>10</sup>There - fore, kings, be wise, be warned; rul - ers of the earth, give ear.

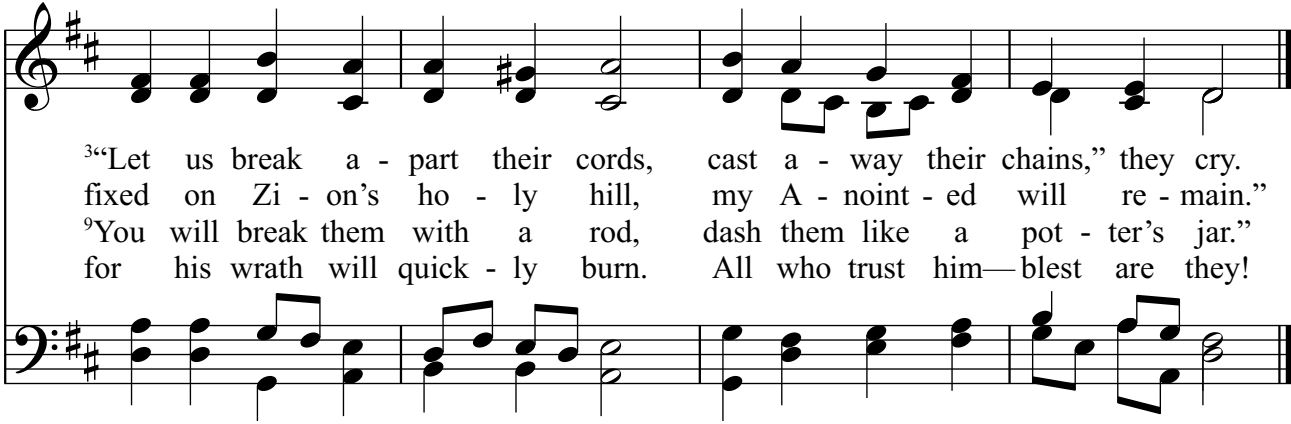


<sup>2</sup>Kings and rul - ers join to wage war a - gainst God's roy - al reign.  
<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in wrath, fear and dread on them do fall:  
"You are my be - lov - ed Son; I have brought you forth this day.  
<sup>11</sup>Come with awe and serve the LORD: min - gle joy with trem - bling fear.



Speak - ing out a - gainst the LORD, his A - noint - ed they de - fy:  
<sup>6</sup>"Yet ac - cord - ing to my will, I have set my king to reign,  
<sup>8</sup>Ask for all the earth a - broad, you shall own the na - tions far.  
<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, his an - ger turn, lest you per - ish in the way,





<sup>3</sup>“Let us break a - part their cords, cast a - way their chains,” they cry.  
 fixed on Zi - on's ho - ly hill, my A - noint - ed will re - main.”  
<sup>9</sup>You will break them with a rod, dash them like a pot - ter's jar.”  
 for his wrath will quick - ly burn. All who trust him—blest are they!

The Sermon .....Pastor Ryan Biese

“The *Almost Empty Tomb*” | John 20:1-8 | p. 852 | *Light Shines in the Darkness*

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SERMON NOTES

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**A. Alarm (vv. 1-2)**

1. The Women (v. 1)
  
2. The Report (v. 2)

**B. Investigation (vv. 3-7)**

1. The Race (vv. 3-4)
  
2. The Tomb (v. 5)
  
3. The Grave Clothes (vv. 6-7)

**C. Belief (vv. 8-9)**

1. Saw and Believed (v. 8)
  
2. Ignorance (v. 9)

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 647 .....“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

# How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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*Your name is like perfume poured out.* Song of Sol. 1:3

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!  
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;  
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,  
4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King,

It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.  
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.  
my nev - er - fail - ing trea - s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace;  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

## 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.*

## Reformation Month History Series

### No. 3: The Necessity of Reforming the Church

In 1544 John Calvin wrote a treatise to Emperor Karl V to plead for reform in the Church. He published his treatise “in the name of all who want Christ to reign.”

Calvin articulated four specific areas in which the Church of his day needed reform because of corruption due to cultural accommodation or just plain vice and wickedness: Worship, Salvation, Sacraments, and Church Government.

These four areas are in urgent need of reformation across the Church in this country. Calvin’s treatise is at least as relevant today as it was in 1544.

#### **WORSHIP: *What Does God Desire in Worship***

The first reason for reform Calvin listed in his treatise was not justification, as we often associate with the Reformation, but the corrupt worship practices in the medieval church that continued into the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

Calvin’s approach to worship was very different from what had prevailed in the medieval church (and in many faith communities to this day). Calvin began with the question: who decides what may happen in worship? Calvin argued God “alone has the authority to command” what takes place in worship.

In the church of Calvin’s day - and in many places today - worship was not focused on what God has commanded in His word, but was a drama, an external show, and entertainment. Rite and rituals had replaced the devoted heart and mind of the worshiper. For centuries prior to the Reformation, the people scarcely participated in worship at all. But instead, they watched the priests and other clergy worship on their behalf.

There was very little preaching and very little the people could understand, since most of the worship was conducted in Latin rather than the local language. Because the people could not understand what was said, there was a greater emphasis on entertainment and drama in worship rather than the Word of God.

This is eerily similar to what happens in many churches in our contemporary era: paid professionals entertain the masses with a concert and offer praise on their behalf while the people of God sit, stand, or sway silently watching on.



In contrast to all this, Calvin argued worship ought to bring people into communion with God in Spirit and Truth by means of His Word. As such, Calvin and other reformers aimed to bring a “godly simplicity” to worship so that worship would no longer be a pantomimed pageant, but a dialogue between God and His people as God speaks in His word and His people respond.

### **SALVATION: *Justification by Faith***

It’s interesting Calvin did not begin with Salvation. Worship is what we were created to do, and the way we worship communicates “the source from which salvation is to be obtained.” Calvin warned that if a person calls himself a Christian, but does not worship God the right way or know how to be saved, such a profession is entirely meaningless.

Calvin said the Church had been brought to the “brink of destruction” because of errors regarding salvation and being made righteous before God. He observed the church seemed to emphasize people looking to their own good works rather than resting in what Christ has accomplished. Instead, Calvin argued the Church must clearly proclaim that Man comes to God solely on the basis of His mercy, not on any works done to prepare himself to receive that mercy or deserve mercy.

### **SACRAMENTS: *Explaining God’s Word***

While not as important as worship and justification, a right understanding of the sacraments is still vital. Calvin observed the Scripture recognized only two rituals as sacraments: the Lord’s Supper and Baptism. And these two sacraments served to explain God’s word and the gospel.

Instead of washing away original sin, the Scripture taught Baptism was a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, illustrating the truth that God washes away the sins of His people in Christ just as water washes dirt away from the body.

Holy Communion is not a re-offering of Christ’s sacrifice to God, but the Lord’s Supper in which we see the truth that Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice has indeed saved us from the penalty of all our sins.

### **CHURCH GOVERNMENT: *Ministry in Christ’s Name***

The Church bureaucracy had become so large and unwieldy that abuses abounded. Calvin charged the leadership of the church in his day of having “invented for themselves” a government. He warned that the leadership of the Church had usurped Christ’s place in the Church. Accordingly, Calvin urged the Church to consider Christ her only head and the source of her government.

The Reformation was comprehensive and aimed not simply at recovering biblical truths regarding how we are saved, but how we live, worship God, and relate to one another as the people of God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 20, 2024

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to [office@fpfo.org](mailto: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!
- + On Saturday, October 26 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. Please register by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. via the website: [www.fpfo.org/rsvp](http://www.fpfo.org/rsvp).
- + On Sunday, October 27 Dr Johnathan Master will be preaching in morning worship. He is the president of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
- + For evening worship on October 27 we will join with several other area PCA congregations at FPC Chattanooga to worship together at 6:00 p.m.
- + From October 20-22, you have an opportunity to give to Harvest USA and have your gift doubled as long as you give through the [FaithfulGive website](#). Enter FaithfulGive (no space) and find the listing for Harvest USA.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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: Oct. 20: L. Bible & A. Bandy

Oct. 27: Sarah Wilson & M. Tuggle