

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | AUGUST 11, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise No. 14“New Songs of Celebration Render” (Psalm 98)**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

The Confession of Faith.....The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 153

Q. What doth every sin deserve at the hands of God?

A. *Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty, goodness, and holiness of God, and against His righteous law, deserves His wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come; and cannot be atoned for but by the blood of Christ.*

The Call to Confession.....Ezra 10:11

Now then make confession to the LORD, the God of your fathers and do his will.

The Confession of Sin

Our Father in Heaven, Your directions for faith and life are altogether good and clear. You have instructed us by Your Word, and Your Spirit even now is applying Your revelation to the hearts of men. We confess that our hearts have been hard, our wills have been stubborn in rejecting Your wisdom, and our affections have been disordered according to the corruption of our fallen nature.

Have mercy on us! We repent of folly, faithlessness, and fickle ambitions. We long for Your pardoning Word and sanctifying grace. Grant to us life in Your Church, Your Kingdom, and Your everlasting presence. Put the songs of Zion in our mouth and the praises of Christ our Savior on our lips. It is in His Name that we pray, Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Lamentations 3:22–25

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

***The Hymn of Response“In Christ Alone” (pp. 2-3)**

New Songs of Celebration Render

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. Ps. 98:4

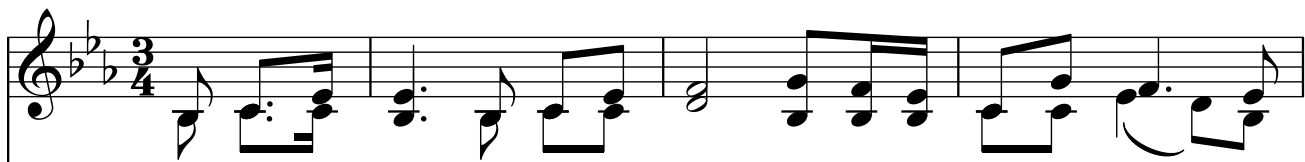
1. New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who has great
 2. Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - 'ry in - stru -
 3. Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the Lord with

won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less splen - dor;
 ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a - bound - ing,
 wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a - dor - ing,

come and a - dore the might - y One. He has made known his great sal -
 call - ing the whole world to re - joice. Trum - pets and or - gans, set in
 and find a voice to praise his name. Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er

va - tion, which all his friends with joy con - fess. He has re -
 mo - tion such sounds as make the heav - ens ring; all things that
 glo - rious, prais - es be his that nev - er cease: just is our

vealed to ev - 'ry na - tion his ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.
 live in earth and o - cean make mu - sic for your might - y King.
 God, whose truth vic - to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Encouragement to Give.....Psalm 96:8-9

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 Offertory

The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 24:29-67

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

***The Psalm No. 119“O How I Love Your Holy Law” (Psalm 119:97-104)**

1. ⁹⁷O how I love your ho - ly law, O LORD!
 2. ⁹⁹I have more wis - dom than my teach - ers, LORD,
 3. ¹⁰¹I keep my feet from ev - 'ry e - vil path,
 4. ¹⁰³How sweet your words are, LORD, un - to my taste—

All day I med - i - tate up - on your word;
 for on your laws I med - i - tate each day.
 for I de - sire to fol - low all your word;
 sweet - er than hon - ey is up - on my tongue.

⁹⁸It makes me wis - er than my en - e - mies,
¹⁰⁰I have more in - sight than the a - ged ones,
¹⁰²since you have taught me all your wise de - crees,
¹⁰⁴Through your com - mand - ments I will un - der - stand,

for your com - mands are ev - er with me, LORD.
 for all your tes - ti - mon - ies I o - bey.
 from them I do not turn a - side, O LORD.
 there - fore, O LORD, I hate each path that's wrong.

The Sermon.....Rev. Ryan Biese
 "Superstition" | John 19:7-11 | p. 851 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 120

SERMON NOTES

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Allegation (v. 7)

1. Change in Tactic

2. Roman Duty

3. Faulty Conclusion

B. Desperation (vv. 8-9)

1. Fear (v. 8)

2. Silence (v. 9)

C. Rebuke (vv. 10-11)

1. Authority (v. 10)

2. Correction (v. 11a)

3. Condemnation (v. 11b)

III. Conclusion

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 172“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder!”

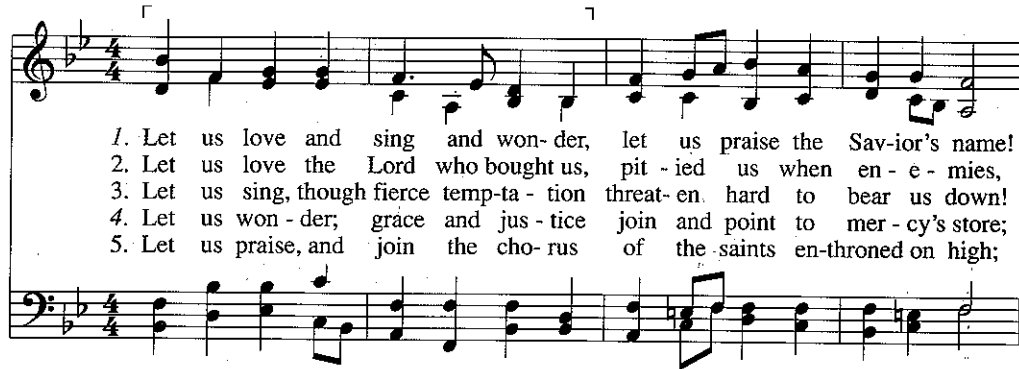
*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735“The Gloria Patri”

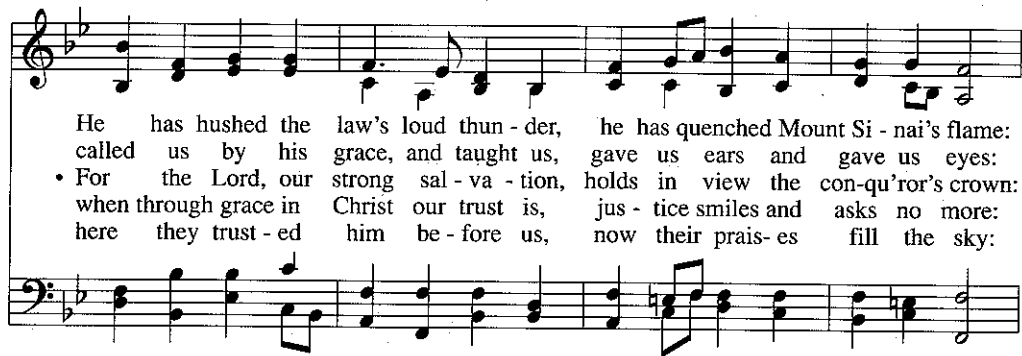
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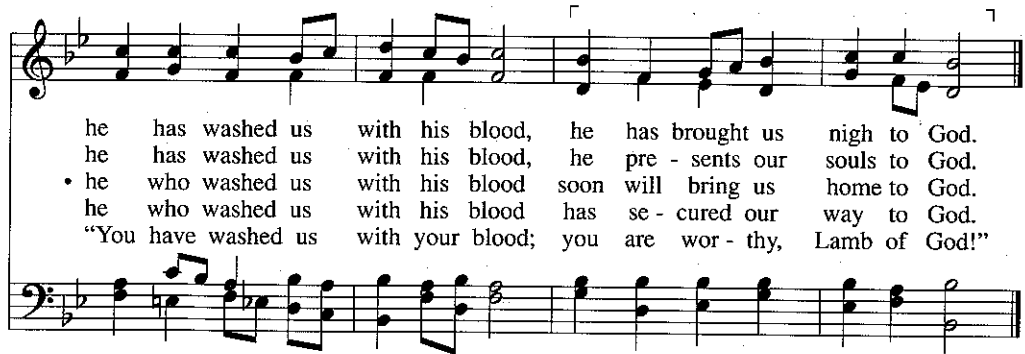
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ... to him be glory
and power for ever and ever! Rev. 1:5, 6



1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
• For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:
here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:



he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.
• he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.
"You have washed us with your blood; you are wor-thy, Lamb of God!"

Youth & Adult Sunday School
The Apocalypse & the Letters
to the Seven Churches
Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

*Please submit your prayer requests and/or
record your attendance at worship with us:*



Why, at times, can I not perceive any spiritual growth in me? We perceive not when the corn grows, nor when the shadows move, yet in the passing of time we see that the corn has grown, and the shadow has moved. So, though we perceive it not, yet every act of repentance and faith strengthens us. There may be many cloudy times in every Christian's life. David, a man after God's own heart, had many infirmities. These times may cloud a man's eyes, so that he may think he is going backward. But these times should not hinder our faith in God's love; for God does not call every slip in a man's life to reckoning. Any traveler may set his foot awry and may go out of his way, yet at length he gets home; and God judges us not by single acts, but by the tenor and direction of our lives.

- Richard Sibbes

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST II, 2024

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

- + Evening worship continues tonight at 6:00; come and answer God's call to worship Him at the close of the Lord's Day. We will have our usual hymn sing prior to the start of evening worship, for any hymn requests!
- + The July/August collection for Operation Christmas Child is black pens, spiral notebooks (to fit shoebox), colored pencils, scissors, and marbles & shooters.
- + The **Covenant College Church Fair** is **August 24**. Please contact John Porter if you are interested and willing to help represent FPFO to the new students.
- + The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for **August 25** following evening worship for the purpose of considering whether to elect Mr John Taylor to the office of Ruling Elder by this congregation. Please be in prayer for the meeting.
- + The most recent updates from the church planters and ministries FPFO supports are available on the table at the back of the church auditorium. You are encouraged to read and learn how you can pray specifically for them.

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 offering plate, by mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://fpfo.org/give).

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

Wednesday

9:20 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 p.m. Children's Singing Class

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

Nursery: Aug. 11: S. Taylor & E. Wilson

Aug. 18: A. Bandy & L. Bible