

First Presbyterian Church

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | August 18, 2024 | 6 o'clock

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THE SESSION

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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 18, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 263 "Lift High the Cross"

*THE INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*THE LAW OF GOD Galatians 5:16-21

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, Who gathers Your children to Yourself, we confess that we have not walked in love, as You have loved us by giving Your Son. Instead, we find ourselves walking down the paths that You have told us not to walk; and we find ourselves drawn to the very things from which we were saved.

We acknowledge that our hearts have entertained lust, uncleanness, and all manner of covetousness. Our lips have uttered that which is filthy, foolish and coarse, and we have not lived before You with hearts of thanksgiving.

In Your great mercy, forgive us for the thoughts of our hearts and the actions of our lives that where we have sinned against Your word, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.

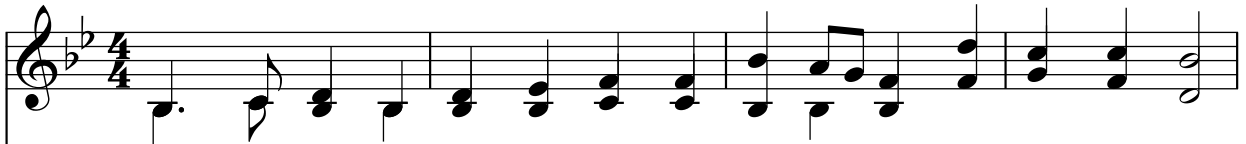
THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON1 John 2:1-2

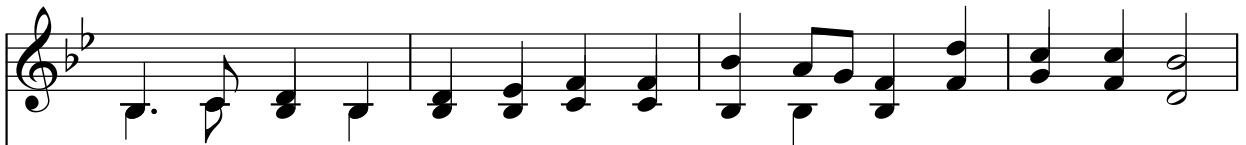
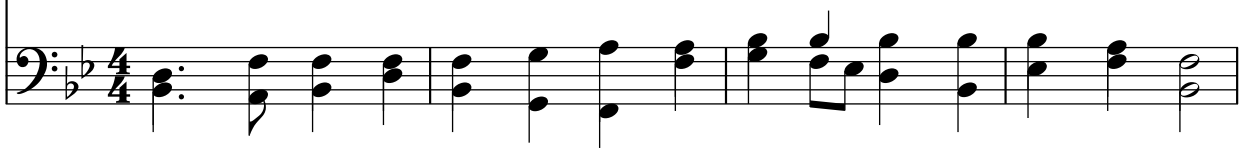
My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 76.....“God, the Lord is Known” (p. 4)

Psalm 76



1. ¹God the Lord is known in Ju - dah; great his name in Is - ra - el;
2. ⁴You are more ma - jes - tic, glo - rious, than the moun - tains full of prey.
3. ⁶Horse and char - iot stunned are ly - ing in the sleep of death's dark night.
4. ⁸When from heav'n you ut - tered judg - ment, all the earth in fear stood still,
5. ¹¹Give the LORD your God your prom - ise, keep - ing all your vows sin - cere.



- ²he has pitched his tent in Sa - lem; he a - bides on Zi - on's hill.
⁵You have spoiled the val - iant - heart - ed; wrapped in sleep of death are they.
• Ja - cob's God, you did re - buke them; ⁷you are fear - ful in your might.
⁹while to save the poor and hum - ble God in judg - ment worked his will.
Come, let all a - round bring of - f'rings un - to him who is re - vered;



- ³There he broke the flash - ing ar - rows, shield and sword de - signed to kill.
Men of war, whose hands are use - less, can - not stand a - midst the fray.
• When your an - ger once is ris - en, who may stand be - fore your sight?
¹⁰E'en the wrath of man shall praise you; you shall wear it like a belt.
¹²he cuts off the pride of princ - es, he by kings of earth is feared.



THE NEW TESTAMENT READING	Second Corinthians 1
*The Psalm No. 662	“As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams” (Psalm 42)
THE SCRIPTURE READING.....	Zechariah 13 (p. 751)
THE SERMON	“Purification”

I. **Introduction**

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Defilement (v. 1)**

1. Enabled to Mourn

2. Fount of Cleansing

3. Propitiation & Expiation

4. **Application**
 - a. *Talk to yourself; don't listen to yourself.*

 - b. *Rest in Christ, not repentance.*

B. **Power (vv. 2-6)**

1. Effect of Cleansing

2. Idolatry

3. False Prophets

C. Agent (v. 7)

1. Good Shepherd Struck

2. Sheep Scattered

D. Trial (vv. 8-9)

1. Remnant

2. Refined

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 186“One There Is Above All Others”

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 (p. 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE NO. 733“The Doxology”

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!