

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 12, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

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## The Announcements

## The Prelude

## \*The Call to Worship

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 165 .....“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

## \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith.....The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 30

Q. Does God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. *God does not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of His mere love and mercy delivers His elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.*

The Call to Confession ..... 1 Timothy 1:15–16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

## The Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon You: Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## The Silent Confession

## 165

## Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! 2 Pet. 3:18*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and '7' (seventh measure). The lyrics are as follows:

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;  
 and still he is nigh— his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

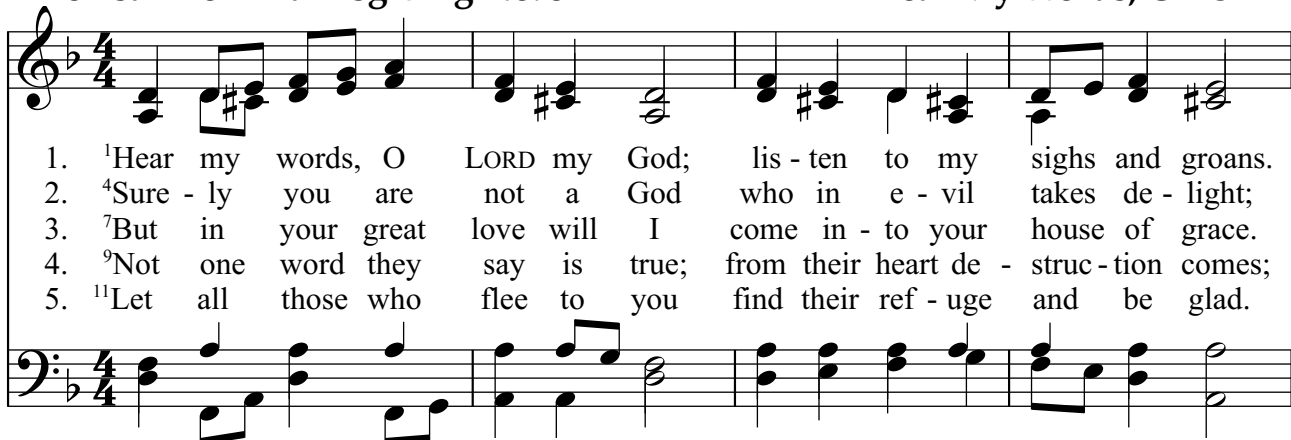
Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

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 Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806  
 Arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

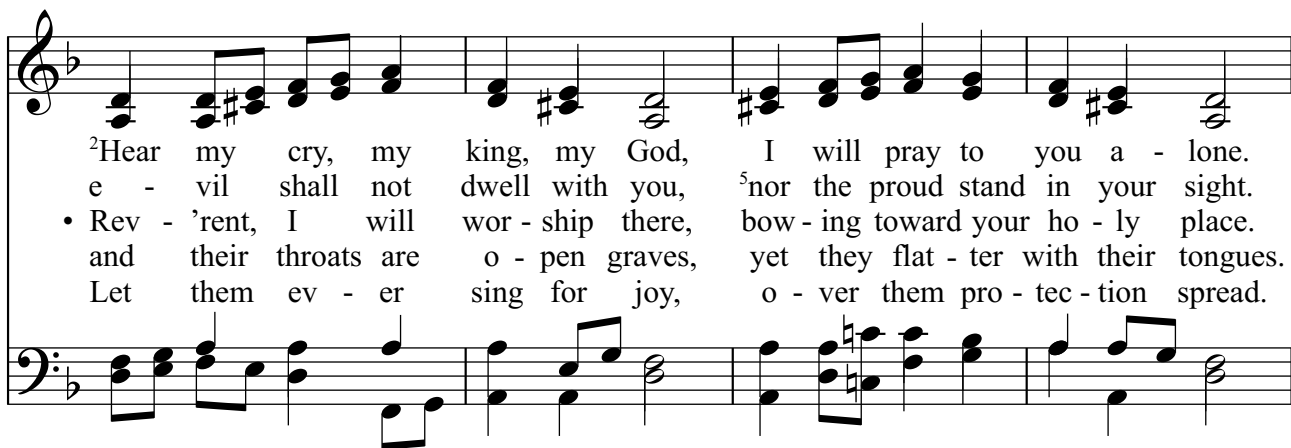
# The Assurance of Pardon ..... Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

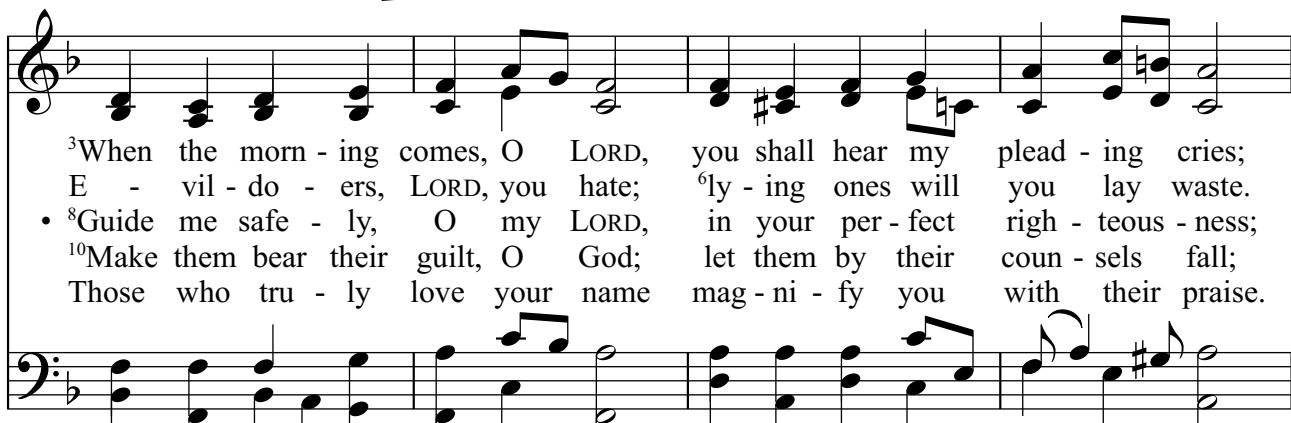
## \*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 5 ..... "Hear My Words, O LORD"



1. <sup>1</sup>Hear my words, O LORD my God; lis - ten to my sighs and groans.  
2. <sup>4</sup>Sure - ly you are not a God who in e - vil takes de - light;  
3. <sup>7</sup>But in your great love will I come in - to your house of grace.  
4. <sup>9</sup>Not one word they say is true; from their heart de - struc - tion comes;  
5. <sup>11</sup>Let all those who flee to you find their ref - uge and be glad.



<sup>2</sup>Hear my cry, my king, my God, I will pray to you a - lone.  
e - vil shall not dwell with you, <sup>5</sup>nor the proud stand in your sight.  
• Rev - 'rent, I will wor - ship there, bow - ing toward your ho - ly place.  
and their throats are o - pen graves, yet they flat - ter with their tongues.  
Let them ev - er sing for joy, o - ver them pro - tec - tion spread.



<sup>3</sup>When the morn - ing comes, O LORD, you shall hear my plead - ing cries;  
E - vil - do - ers, LORD, you hate; <sup>6</sup>ly - ing ones will you lay waste.  
• <sup>8</sup>Guide me safe - ly, O my LORD, in your per - fect righ - teous - ness;  
<sup>10</sup>Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them by their coun - sels fall;  
Those who tru - ly love your name mag - ni - fy you with their praise.

I will watch when comes the dawn; I will bring my sac - ri - fice.  
 Men who mur - der and de - ceive, God, the LORD, ab - hors and hates.  
 • since my en - e - mies are near, make straight paths be - fore my face.  
 snare them in the schemes they plan, for a - gainst you they reb - el.  
<sup>12</sup>You will bless the righ - teous, LORD, shield - ing him with all your grace.

**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 38**


**The Great Prayer.....Elder John Taylor**

**\*The Psalm No. 13....."How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me" (pp. 4-5)**

1. How long wilt thou for - get me, O Lord, thou God of grace?  
2. O Lord my God, be - hold me, and hear my ear - nest cries;  
3. But I with ex - pec - ta - tion have on thy grace re - lied;

How long shall fears be - set me, while dark - ness hides thy face?  
lest sleep of death en - fold me, en - light - en thou mine eyes;  
my heart in thy sal - va - tion shall still with joy con - fide;

How long shall griefs dis - tress me and turn my day to night?  
lest now my foe in - sult - ing should boast of his suc - cess,  
and I with voice of sing - ing will praise the Lord a - bove,



How long shall foes oppress me and triumph in their might?  
and enemies exulting rejoice in my distress.  
who, richest bounties bringing, has dealt with me in love.

The Sermon ..... Pastor Ryan Biese

“Feelings vs. Faith” | Psalm 13 | p. 423 | *The Psalms: The Way of Life* No. 13

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SERMON NOTES

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

1. Four Questions

2. Triple Agony

**B. Dependence (vv. 3-4)**

1. Faithful Action

2. David’s God

3. Reasoning

**C. Declaration (vv. 5-6)**

1. Covenant Faithfulness

2. Praise

## 402

## Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

*This is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.*  
1 John 3:24

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness  
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow  
3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy  
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no  
5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and  
dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -  
• grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and  
weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain

com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
• stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me,  
vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 402 .....“Abide with Me”

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.



To order the book in advance, please sign up with Margaret Davis.





# Ladies Tea

Join the women for a time of fellowship at the church.  
Please bring a brunch item to share. All ages are welcome.

January 18, 2025  
11:00 a.m.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 12, 2025

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. The Lord's Supper will be observed next week as part of evening worship.
- + The Annual Congregation Forum will be after morning worship on January 19. 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.
- + This Wednesday the covered dish supper will begin at 5:55 p.m. and then the Session and Women in the Church will have their meetings Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. There will be no other midweek activities.

## 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](https://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.12: L. Bible & S. Wilson

Jan 19: B. Rowan & A. Wilson