

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 21, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 40.....“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

*THE INVOCATION AND 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.....Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves.

We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials.

We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, Who is able for all time to save us who approach You through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for us.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 118 "Now Open Wide the Gates"

12. ¹⁹ Now o - pen wide the gates for me, The
13. ²⁰ This is the gate that is the LORD's, The
14. ²² That stone is now the cor - ner - stone That
15. ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; Let

gates of righ - teous - ness, And I will en - ter
 righ - teous en - ter in. ²¹ I'm thank - ful You have
 build - ers once de - spised. ²³ This is the do - ing
 us be glad and sing. ²⁵ Ho - san - na, LORD! O

in through them; With thanks the LORD I'll bless.
 an - swered me; My Sav - ior You have been.
 of the LORD, And won - drous in our eyes.
 give suc - cess! O LORD, sal - va - tion bring!

16. ²⁶ O blessed is the one who comes,
 Comes in the LORD's great name.
 A blessing from the LORD's own house
 Upon you we proclaim.

17. ²⁷ The LORD is God and He to us
 Has made the light arise.
 With cords bind to the altar's horns
 The festal sacrifice.

18. ²⁸ You are my God, I'll give You thanks;
 My God, I'll give you praise.
²⁹ O thank the LORD, for He is good;
 His love lasts endless days.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGZechariah 12:1-9

THE SERMON“Resolution of History”

A. Burden (v. 1)

1. Oracle or Burden

2. Content of the Burden
 - a. The Identity of Judah and Jerusalem

 - b. The Timing of the Day of the Lord

3. The Source of the Burden

B. Judgment (vv. 2-4)

1. Self Inflicted (vv. 2-3)
 - a. The Church Under Siege

 - b. Wicked Intoxicated

 - c. The Church a Heavy Stone

2. Madness (v. 4)

3. Application
 - a. *God's Eyes are Always Open Toward His People*

b. God Confounds and Shames the Wicked

C. Salvation (vv. 5-9)

1. Strength (vv. 5-6)

a. The Problem Since the Beginning

b. Promised Purification of the People

c. Wicked Consumed

d. Jerusalem Inhabited

2. Glory (vv. 7-8)

a. One Like God...

b. Application: *Do you Need Strength?*

3. Destruction (v. 9)

*THE PSALM OF RESPONSE NO. 27 "The LORD Is My Light" (p. 6)

27A

The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27:1-3

*When the time had come for Him to be received up...
He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem. — Luke 9:51*

1. ¹The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion;
2. ²For when e - vil - do - ers came up - on me,
3. ³An ar - my may camp out to be - siege me;

By whom am I dis - mayed?
Seek - ing my flesh to eat,
Fear will not fill my heart.

The LORD is my life's de - fense and strong - hold;
My foes and my ad - ver - sar - ies stum - bled,
I will yet with con - fi - dence con - tin - ue,

Of whom am I a - fraid?
 Fall - ing to their de - feat.
 Though war a - gainst me start.

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. 7)**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE NO. 733“The Doxology”**

Please join us for
LUNCH
OVER SIXTIES
FELLOWSHIP
 Thurs July 25th @ 11.30am
 at FPFO
 RSVP to Sandra Taylor
 @ 3309906193

Psalm 117

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!