

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia

Evening Worship in Word & Sacrament

The Lord's Day | October 20, 2024 | 6 o'clock

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE PSALM OF PRAISE NO. TH110“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” (Psalm 148)

*THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe 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 GODRomans 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

Holy Spirit, as you prick our consciences with these words from Romans, we recognize that there are so many things to do; important-seeming things, and we don't always find it easy to be prepared. Cleanse us and renew our expectation, Holy Spirit. We are sorry for our little faith and low expectation. We are sorry for being harsh when tenderness was needed. We are sorry for being cowardly when courage was called for. We are sorry for being so easily lured away from our duty so that we do neither what we want nor what we ought.

Grant that we may rightly consider our Savior bearing all these sins in our place. Wean us off our own way that we would not preference ourselves to others.

Free us from a critical spirit and a grumbling tongue and give us a zeal to serve, support, and encourage our brethren. Lord Jesus, please scrub the deep stains of all these deforming rebellions out of us, and out of those we have injured by our failures of consideration, patience, and sacrificial affection. Please graciously restore those we have hurt with our careless disregard, and conform us to your glorious likeness.

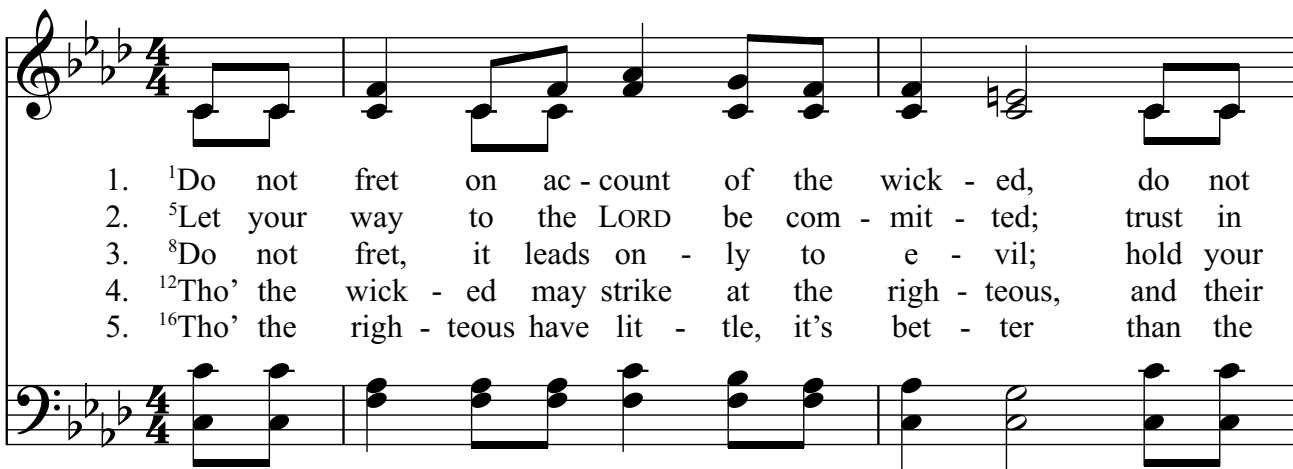
THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDONRomans 8:15-17

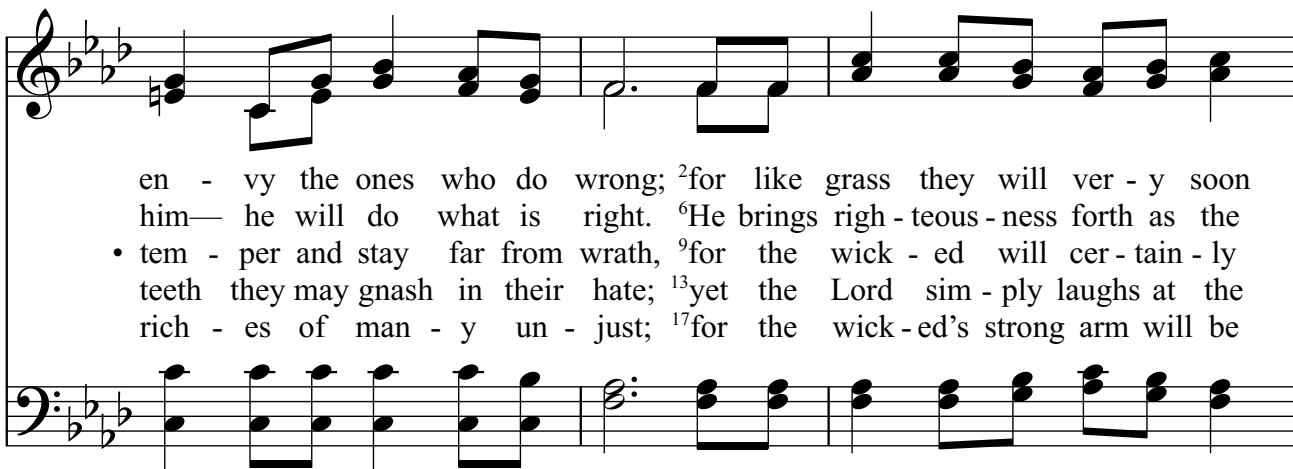
For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,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

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 37 "Do Not Fret" (pages 4-5)

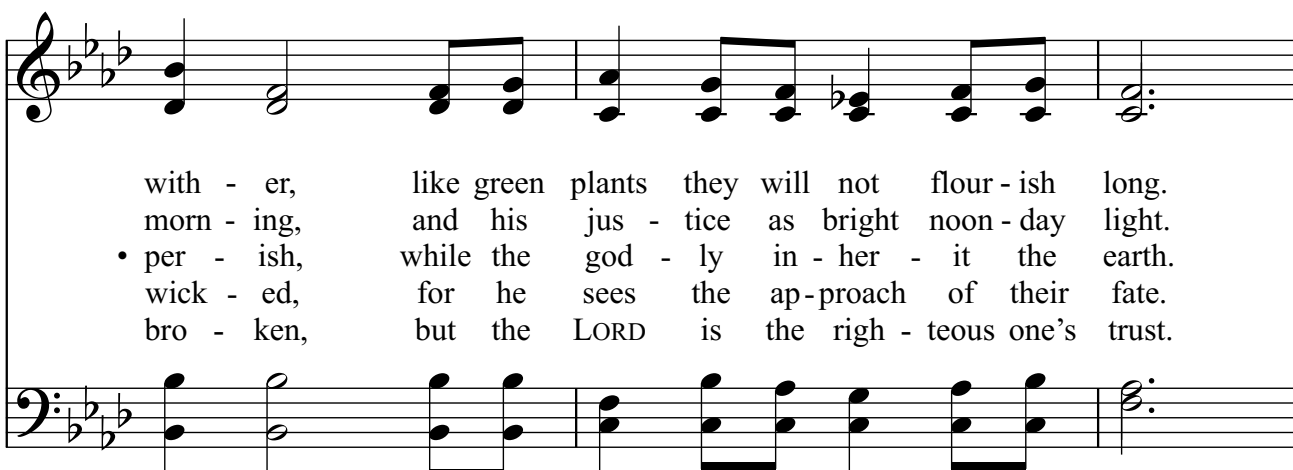
Psalm 37



1. ¹Do not fret on ac - count of the wick - ed, do not
2. ⁵Let your way to the LORD be com - mit - ted; trust in
3. ⁸Do not fret, it leads on - ly to e - vil; hold your
4. ¹²Tho' the wick - ed may strike at the righ - teous, and their
5. ¹⁶Tho' the righ - teous have lit - tle, it's bet - ter than the



en - vy the ones who do wrong; ²for like grass they will ver - y soon
him— he will do what is right. ⁶He brings righ - teous - ness forth as the
• tem - per and stay far from wrath, ⁹for the wick - ed will cer - tain - ly
teeth they may gnash in their hate; ¹³yet the Lord sim - ply laughs at the
rich - es of man - y un - just; ¹⁷for the wick - ed's strong arm will be



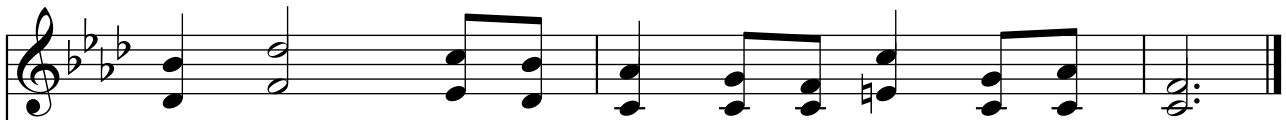
with - er, like green plants they will not flour - ish long.
morn - ing, and his jus - tice as bright noon - day light.
• per - ish, while the god - ly in - her - it the earth.
wick - ed, for he sees the ap - proach of their fate.
bro - ken, but the LORD is the righ - teous one's trust.



³Put your trust in the LORD and be up - right; then se -
⁷So be si - lent and seek the LORD's pres - ence, and be
• ¹⁰Yet a - while and the wick - ed will van - ish; though you
¹⁴Tho' the wick - ed take aim at the righ - teous, and at -
¹⁸Day by day cares the LORD for the blame - less, so their



cure in the land you will live. ⁴Take de - light in the LORD a - bove
pa - tient un - til he re - plies; do not fret when you see those who
• search, they will nev - er be found. ¹¹But the land will be - long to the
tempt to bring down the op - pressed, ¹⁵yet their bow will be bro - ken in
her - i - tage stands ev - er sure. ¹⁹When a fam - ine comes, they will have



all things— the de - sires of your heart he will give.
pros - per if their schemes are pro - mot - ed through lies.
• hum - ble, and their wel - fare and peace will a - bound.
piec - es, and their sword will but pierce their own breast.
plen - ty, and in drought they will al - ways en - dure.



THE SCRIPTURE READINGEzra 1 (p. 362)

THE SERMON“From Babylon to Jerusalem”

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Sovereignty (v. 1)

1. Exile

2. Prophecy

3. Proclamation

4. **Application:**

a. *Those who allow the Spirit to determine the direction of their lives have taken the Spirit's side.*

b. *God Is Sovereign Over Pagan Kings*

B. Exodus (vv. 2-4)

1. Temple Building (vv. 2-3)

2. Liberty to the Captives (v. 4)

C. Remnant Returns (vv. 5-8)

1. Sovereign Spirit (vv. 5-6)

2. Plunder Restored (vv. 7-8)

D. Inventory (vv. 9-11)

1. Pots and Pans?

2. Turning Point

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 463“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 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!