

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 1, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

***The Call to Worship**

***The Hymn of Praise No. 198 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"**

***The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

***The Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (p. 845)**

The Call to Confession 1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, We are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. As judge of the whole Earth, You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love, You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, a life worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our works, but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope, and in Him we come before You this day.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon Micah 7:18–19

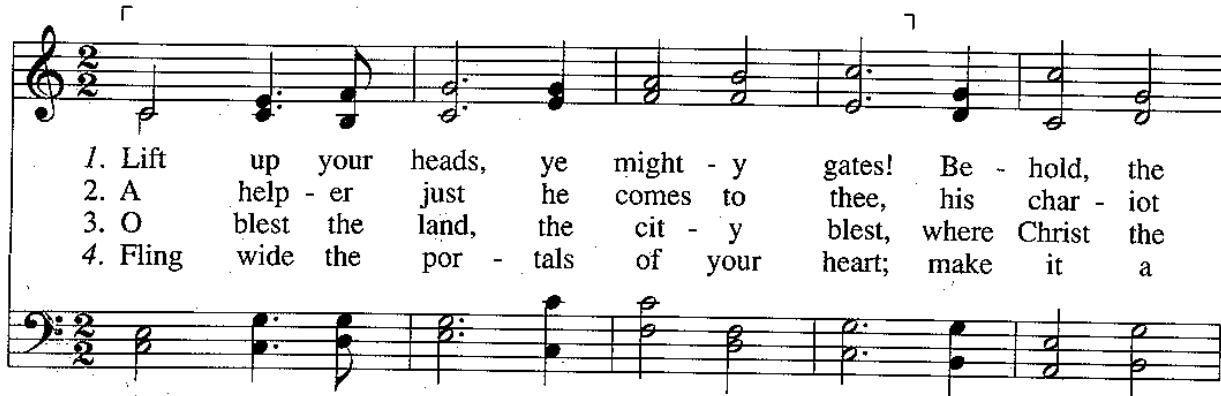
Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

***The Hymn No. 244 "He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions"**

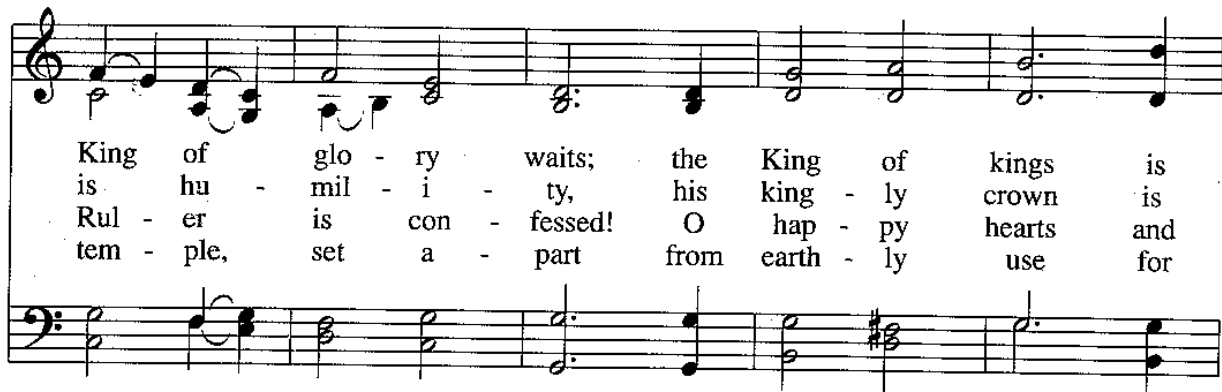
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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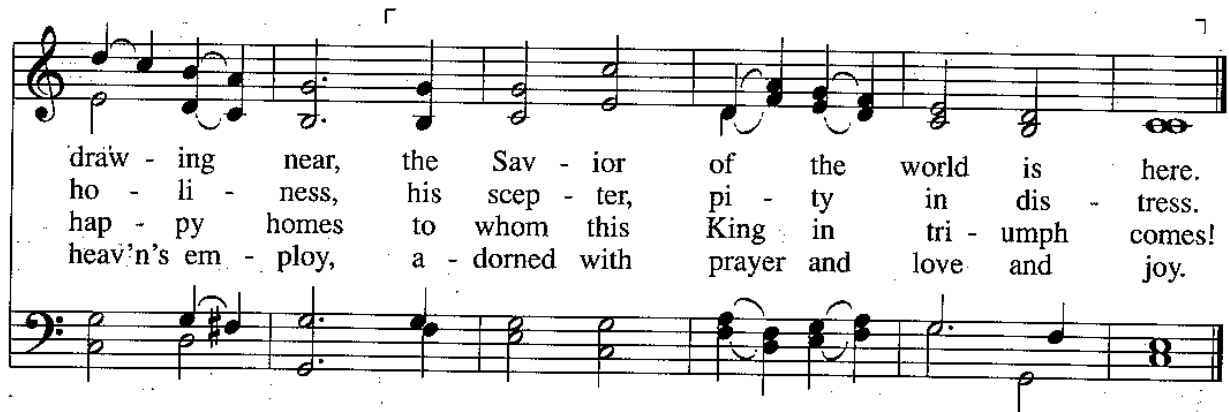
Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin!
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

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He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Is. 53:5

1. He was wound - ed for our trans - gres - sions, he bore our
 2. He was num - bered a - mong trans - gres - sors, we did es -
 3. We had wan - dered, we all had wan - dered far from the
 4. Who can num - ber his gen - er - a - tion? Who shall de -

sins in his bod - y on the tree; for our guilt he gave us
 teem him for - sak - en by his God; as our sac - ri - fice he
 fold of "the Shep - herd of the sheep"; but he sought us where we
 clare all the tri - umphs of his cross? Mil - lions dead now live a -

peace, from our bond - age gave re - lease, and with his
 died, that the law be sat - is - fied, and all our
 were, on the moun - tains bleak and bare, and brought us
 gain, myr - iads fol - low in his train! Vic - to - rious

stripes, and with his stripes, and with his stripes our souls are healed.
 sin, and all our sin, and all our sin was laid on him.
 home, and brought us home, and brought us safe - ly home to God.
 Lord, vic - to - rious Lord, vic - to - rious Lord and com - ing King!

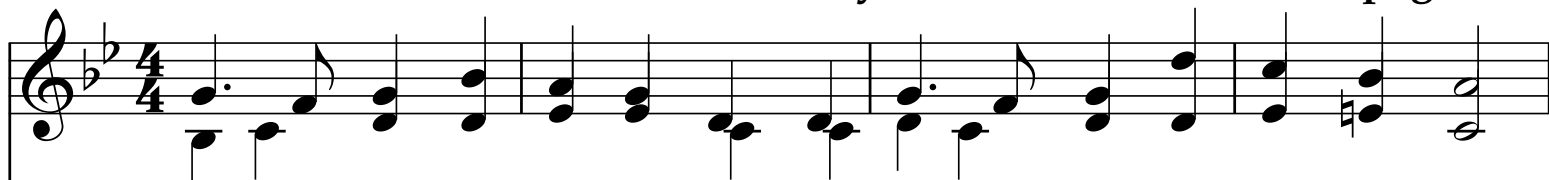
~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~
The Offering Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

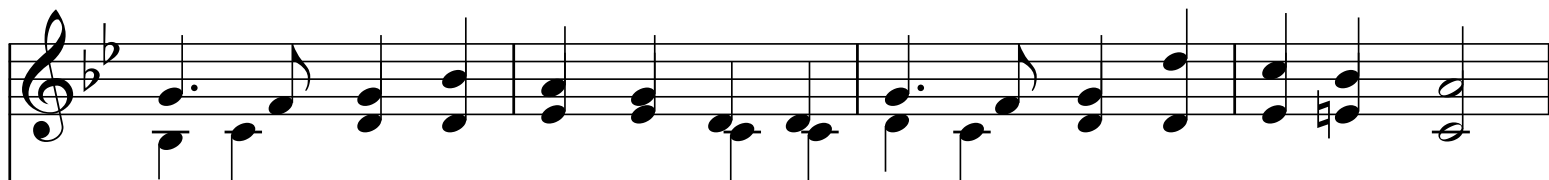
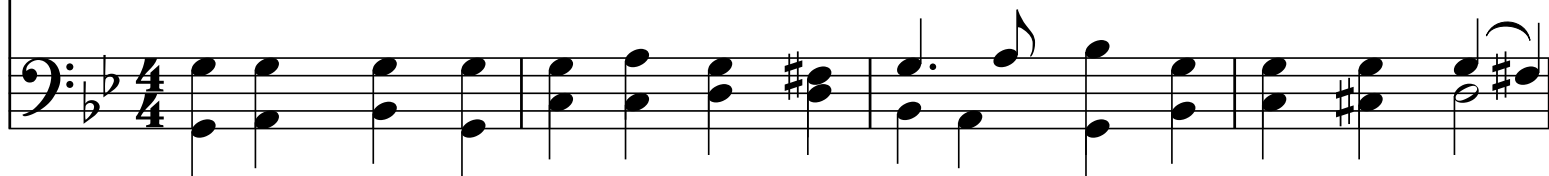
The Old Testament ReadingGenesis 34

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

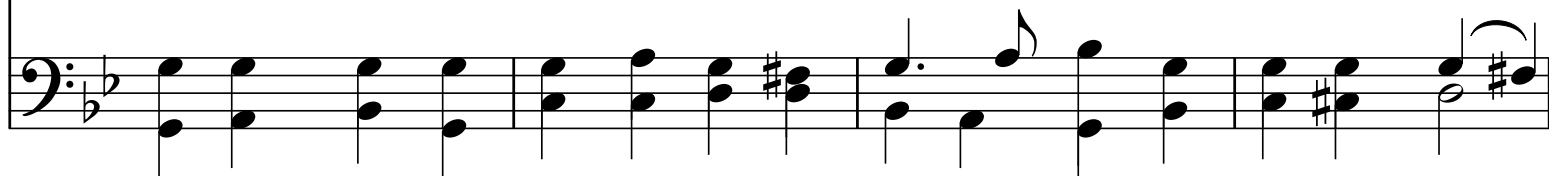
*The Psalm No. 73“Surely God Is Good to Israel” (pages 2-3)



1. ¹Sure - ly God is good to Is - rael, good to those whose hearts are pure.
2. ⁴For 'til death they have no strug - gles; they are health - y, fit, and strong—
3. ⁷How their eyes bulge out with plen - ty, how their hearts spew fool - ish - ness.
4. ¹⁰So their peo - ple, blind - ly turn - ing, drink the wa - ters of their lie;
5. ¹³All in vain, I kept my heart clean, washed my hands in in - no - cence.



- ²As for me, my steps were slip - ping, and my foot - hold was un - sure.
- ⁵un - dis - turbed by woes and trou - bles, as to hu - man life be - long.
- ⁸They de - ride and speak with mal - ice; bold, they threat - en to op - press.
- ¹¹say - ing, “How can God con - trol us? Are we known to God Most High?”
- ¹⁴All day long your plagues af - flict me, morn - ing brings new pun - ish - ment.



³For the ar - ro - gant I en - vied, as I saw them live se - cure.
⁶Ar - ro - gance be - comes their neck - lace, vi - 'lence is the cloak they don.
 • ⁹For their mouths de - fy the heav - ens, and their tongues the earth pos - sess.
¹²Thus the wick - ed grow in rich - es, al - ways care - free they a - bide.
¹⁵If I spoke thus, then your chil - dren would have suf - fered great of - fense.

6. When I tried to understand this, it was wearisome to me,
 Till I came into God's temple and discerned their destiny.
 For on slipp'ry ground you place them, and you make their end complete.

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese

“Life in His Name” | John 20:24-31 Pg. 853 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 131

SERMON OUTLINE

A. Demand for Sign (vv. 24-25)

1. Absent (v. 24)

2. Pessimism (v. 25)

B. Demonstration of Peace (vv. 26-27)

1. Peace (v. 26)

2. Grace (v. 27)

C. Declaration of Faith (v. 28)

1. Tests

2. Acclamation

D. Distinct Blessing (v. 29)

1. Worship Received

2. Apostolic Witness

E. Purpose (vv. 30-31)

1. Editorial Selection (v. 30)

2. Content of Faith (v. 31)

3. Fruit of Faith (v. 31)

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn No. 193“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God’s People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 117.....“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 5)

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733“The Doxology”

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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!

FPFO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Lord's Day, Dec. 1	Lord's Supper in Worship & Fellowship Lunch
Wednesday, Dec. 4	6:30 p.m. Session Meeting PCA 51st Anniversary
Friday, Dec. 6	10:30 a.m. Mom's Book Study
Monday, Dec. 9	11 a.m. Winter "Over Sixties" Lunch & Music Program
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Regular Midweek Activities 5:55 p.m. Covered Dish Supper 6:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class
Wednesday, Dec. 18	Community Christmas Caroling 5:45 p.m. Covered Dish Supper 6:25 p.m. Caroling 7:45 p.m. Desserts & Hot Chocolate at the Church
The Lord's Day, Dec. 22	No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged
Wednesday, Dec. 25	No Midweek Activities
The Lord's Day, Dec. 29	No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged
Wednesday, Jan. 1	No Midweek Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 1, 2024

- + There is no evening worship tonight, but evening worship resumes next week.
- + The Winter "Over Sixties" Lunch will be Dec. 9 at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Diana Bowers or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.
- + We are celebrating with John and Julia Porter on the coming birth of their baby. There will be a basket (running from 12/1/24 to 12/22/24) in the fellowship hall for those who'd like to give them diapers, wipes, gift cards, etc.
- + The Annual *Desserts and Caroling* returns December 18 at 6:25 p.m. Midweek Supper will start at 5:45 p.m. There will be no other midweek activities then.
- + Please see the updated calendar on page 7 in the bulletin for list of schedule changes and special activities this month.

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 box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give

To record your worship with us or submit prayer requests, please scan the QR code below with your phone, email the church office, or call 706-866-2521.



FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

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)

Wednesday

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: Dec. 1: M. L. Wilson & A. Bandy Dec. 8: L. Bible & Sarah Wilson