

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | DECEMBER 22, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 208.....“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....The Westminster Larger Catechism No. 38

Q. Why was it required that the mediator should be God?

A. *It was required that the mediator should be God, that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.*

The Call to Confession.....Hebrews 12:1-3

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of Your Son, we confess before You that we have sinned. We have not loved You as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor Your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed to preserve life; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of Your great Name.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

208

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 in the high - est;
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of PardonPsalm 65:2-3

O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

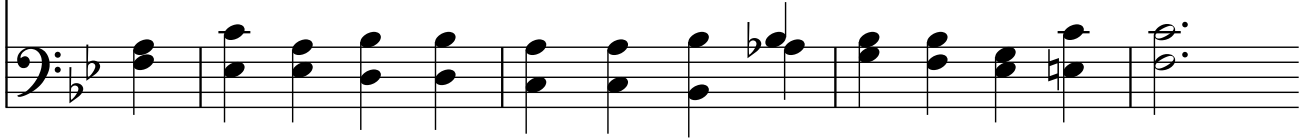
*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 62“My Soul in Silence Waits for God”

1. ¹My soul in si - lence waits for God, my Sav - ior he has proved;
2. ³My en - e - mies my ru - in seek, ⁴they plot with fraud and guile;
3. ⁷My hon - or is sec - ure with God, my Sav - ior he is known;
4. ⁹For sure - ly men are help - ers vain, the high and the a - based;
5. ¹¹For God has spok - en o'er and o'er and un - to me has shown

²he on - ly is my rock and tow'r; I nev - er shall be moved.
de - ceit - ful, they pre - tend to bless, but in - ward - ly re - vile.
• my ref - uge and my rock of strength are found in God a - lone.
yes, light - er than a breath are they when in the bal - ance placed.
that sav - ing pow'r and last - ing strength be - long to him a - lone.



My hon - or is se - cure with God, my Sav - ior he is known;
⁵My soul in si - lence waits for God, he is my help ap - proved;
 • ⁸On him, you peo - ple, ev - er - more re - ly with con - fi - dence;
¹⁰Trust not in harsh op - pres - sion's pow'r, nor in un - righ - teous gain;
¹²Yes, lov - ing - kind - ness ev - er - more be - longs to you, O Lord;



my ref - uge and my rock of strength are found in God a - lone.
 • ⁶he on - ly is my rock and tow'r, and I shall not be moved.
 be - fore him pour out all your heart, for God is our de - fense.
 if wealth in - crease, yet on your gold you set your hearts in vain.
 and you, ac - cord - ing to his work, will ev - 'ry man re - ward.



The Offering and Encouragement to Give.....Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

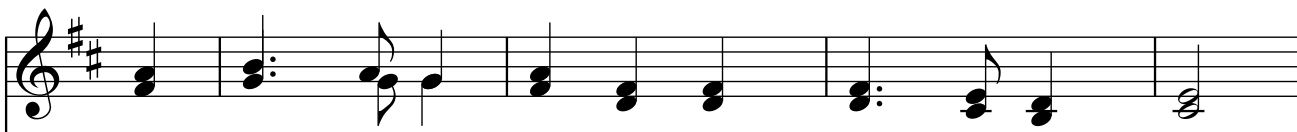
The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 36:1-37:1

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

***The Psalm No. 16“Preserve Me, O My God” (pp. 4-5)**



1. ¹Pre - serve me, O God, for I'm trust - ing in you.
2. ⁴Those run - ning to i - dols will mul - ti - ply griefs.
3. You care for my lot, ⁶where the lines fell to me,
4. ⁸The LORD ev - er pres - ent be - fore me I keep.
5. ¹⁰For you'll not a - ban - don my soul to the grave,



²“Yes, you are my mas - ter,” I said to the LORD;
I will not pour out their drink of - f'ings of blood,
• my pleas - ant and love - ly in - her - it - ed land.
He stands at my right hand; I shall not be moved.
your god - ly One you will pre - serve from de - cay.



be - sides you I do not pos - sess an - y good.
nor will I con - fess their vain names with my lips.
• ⁷The LORD who gives coun - sel to me I will bless,
⁹My glo - ry re - joic - es, my heart is made glad;
¹¹Life's path you will show me; full joy is with you;



³In your ho - ly mes - sen - gers I take de - light.
⁵The LORD's my in - her - it - ed por - tion and cup.
 • for sure - ly my mind teach - es me through the night.
 and al - so my flesh will live safe - ly at ease.
 your right hand holds plea - sures for me ev - er - more.

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese

“The Glory of the Son” | John 21:20-25 | p. 853 | *Light Shines in the Darkness* No. 134

SERMON NOTES

A. Curiosity (vv. 20-23)

B. Conclusion (vv. 24-25)

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 195 “Joy to the World!”

The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 “The Gloria Patri”

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

D 7

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

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and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

Based on Psalm 98
 Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.
 George Frederick Handel, 1742
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

FPFO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The Lord's Day, Dec. 22

Wednesday, Dec. 25

The Lord's Day, Dec. 29

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Wednesday, Jan. 1

Saturday, Jan. 11

The Lord's Day, Jan. 5

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Saturday, Jan. 18

The Lord's Day, Jan. 19

The Lord's Day, Jan. 26

No Sunday School; Worship Schedule Unchanged

No Midweek Activities

No Sunday School; AM Worship Schedule Unchanged

6:00 p.m. Joint PM Worship *at* Cornerstone OPC

1813 Long Street | Chattanooga, Tennessee

No Midweek Activities

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Begins

Sunday School Resumes

6:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting & WIC Meeting

Ladies Tea

Congregational Forum after Morning Worship

Dr. Dennis Johnson Preaching in AM & PM Worship

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.

Starting Saturday, January 11 | 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 DECEMBER 22, 2024

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be **emailed** to office@fpfo.org.

- + Please answer God's call to worship this evening with us at 6:00 p.m. We will have our normal hymn sing to begin worship, so be ready with your requests!
- + 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.
- + Sunday school and midweek activities are suspended until January 5, 2025.
- + Announcements for Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 bulletins will be due *Tuesday* of each week rather than Wednesday. They must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.
- + Please see the updated calendar on page 6 in the bulletin for list of schedule changes and special activities during this season.
- + Andrew Keller will be here December 29 to take pictures for the updated member directory. All church members are encouraged to participate.

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 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: Dec. 22: B. Rowan & M. Tuggle

Dec. 29: H. Rowan & E. Wilson