

The Lord’s Day

June 23, 2013
Ten Fifty O’clock

“And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD his God.” (Micah 5:4)

Please switch all communications devices to silent mode. Thank you.

Welcome and Announcements

+**Prelude**.....“Andante in B Major”..... Cesar Franck

Call to Worship.....Psalm 95:1-7

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Minister: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts . . .

***Hymn No. 115** LAST UNS ERFREUEN
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***Prayer of Adoration** Ruling Elder Robert Jackson, Sr.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

In the words of the hymn we sing in a few minutes, we are reminded that God graciously forgives those who humbly confess their sins. “O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power; O Breath of Life come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour. O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.”

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 42: What is the sum of the ten commandments?

Answer: The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Question 43: What is the preface to the ten commandments?

Answer: The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

Question 44: What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

Answer: The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who 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.

Please complete the black Fellowship Folder and pass down the pew.

Hymn No. 341 SPIRITUS VITAE
“O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us”

Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Flor Peeters
“Christ, the Life of the Living”

(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children’s Church)

+Doxology (Hymn 731) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Solo arr: Luigi Zaninelli
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Cody Laun

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8 Pew Bible p. 403

Sermon Dr. David Hatten Jussely
“Revival at the Watergate—Bring Out the Book!”

***Hymn No. 533** I AM THINE
“I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice”

*Benediction

***Postlude** “Grand Choeur” Henry Kihlken

*Please stand if you are able.
+The ushers may seat worshippers.

Presiding Minister - Dr. David Hatten Jussely
Assisting Elder - Robert Jackson, Sr.

Visitors - Visitors are encouraged to pick up a copy of the First Presbyterian Church newsletter in the Narthex or at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

Notes on the Service

The Rebuilding of the Temple and the Walls in Jerusalem

Dr. John Stott wonderfully summarizes the history of Israel’s restoration from the Babylonian exile. “Following the traditional chronology of the exile to Babylon, the restoration of Judah took place in three stages under three leaders. Firstly, in 538 BC Zerubbabel, grandson of King Jehoiachin, and Jeshua the high priest, returned to Jerusalem and rebuilt the temple. Secondly, in 458 BC Ezra the priest and scribe arrived in Jerusalem. He has been as a kind of secretary of state for Jewish affairs in Babylonia, and his task was to regulate and restore Israel’s religious and moral responsibilities in accordance with the law. Thirdly, in 445 BC Nehemiah, cupbearer to the Persian King Artaxerxes, and later governor of Judah, was sent to restore the city of Jerusalem, and in particular to rebuild its wall.” Zerubbabel restored the temple; Ezra restored the law; and Nehemiah restored the city walls.

Ezra and Nehemiah’s ministry overlapped. In the sermon this morning we look at one of the great events that took place under their ministry. I call it “The Revival at the Watergate!” Here we see a new generation of Israelite people hungering for God’s word to be preached and explained to them. During this rare, public assembly, the Word of God was given its due honor. Standing on a high wooden platform built for the occasion, Ezra read the law out loud from daybreak until noon. When he opened the book, the people spontaneously rose to their feet. Then they bowed down their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They did not worship the book. Nor, of course, should we. But we worship the LORD and honor the Bible because it is His infallible, inerrant, and authoritative word.

As we examine this passage, I urge you to examine your heart. Do you love God’s Word? Do you love to hear it read, explained and preached? Does hearing God’s Word stimulate you to worship? Do you rejoice that you have a God who speaks directly to your heart?

If you would like a copy of today’s sermon, please call the church office (601-268-0303). The entire service, as well as just the sermon, is available on CD. You may also download the sermon only from our website at www.fpcpca.net.

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Greeters for today:
9:30 - Henry & Margaret Hawes
10:30 - Ron Keller

Duty Elder & Hospital Visitation:
Robert Jackson, Sr.

Mugger for today: Dennis McGaughran

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