

SONG Standing on the Promises Hymn 306
1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring-- "Glory in the highest," I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

[Refrain:] Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Surely Goodness and Mercy Hymn 639
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life; Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and I shall feast at the table spread for me: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life.

POSTLUDE



"A multicultural family, growing in faith,
connecting people with Christ"
"Somos una familia multicultural, creciendo
en la fe, alcanzando a todos para Cristo"

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 25th, 2021 - 9:00 AM

FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

Spring Sermon Series in Galatians



This spring we continue to take a journey together through the book of Galatians. Come join us each Sunday as we learn from Apostle Paul and the Churches in Galatia what it means for us that for freedom Christ has set us free.

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-5, 8, 11, 22 (NKJV)

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

OPENING PRAYER

SONG O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymn 130

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

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3 He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

4 He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

5 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

CONFESSION

2 Corinthians 6:16b, 18, 7:1

LEADER: "As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.' And, 'I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.' Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God." Forgive us our sin O Lord as we confess in silence. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Peter 1:4

LEADER: God "has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

ALL: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

SONG

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 522

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

4 Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:21-31

SERMON

For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free:

9. Free Children of Promise

Rev. Tim Osborne

SONG

Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Hymn 442

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

[Refrain:] Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **(Refrain)**

3 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **(Refrain)**

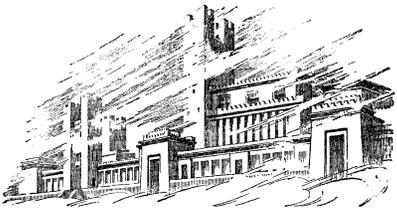
PROFESSION OF FAITH

Romans 8:38-39

ALL: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OFFERING, DEDICATION & DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER



FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

9. FREE CHILDREN OF PROMISE

Galatians 4:21-31

BIG IDEA

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT WE ARE FREE CHILDREN OF PROMISE?

1. We _____ carefully & _____ God's word to _____

our _____. (vs21)

2. We _____ God to _____ His promises & He _____ us

_____. (vs22-23)

3. We _____ to trust in _____, because it

_____ us. (vs24-25)

4. We are _____ of Jerusalem-Above, _____

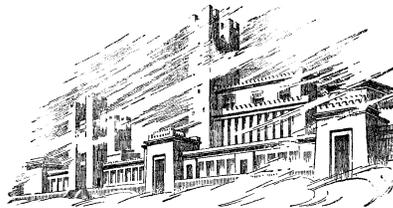
thru the _____ of God. (vs26-27)

5. We live by _____ & expect

_____ from the _____. (vs28-29)

6. We're _____ free family, getting _____ of _____ &

_____ that enslave us. (vs30-31)



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PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS OF FPCD ON APRIL 25, 2021

PRESENTATION

PASTOR: Hear the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

ELDER/PASTOR: Having been examined and received into covenant partnership by the session of FPCD, **Bonnie Thompson** is presented by session this morning for public reaffirmation of faith.

PASTOR: We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry as a covenant partner of FPCD.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:4-6)

Baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ which connects us together as the body of Christ.

Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom has entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom and freed from the bondage of sin.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27, 28)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PASTOR: Now as you publicly declare your faith I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which you were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I do

PASTOR: *Who is your Lord and Savior?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

PASTOR: *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I will with God's help.

PASTOR: *With the whole church let us confess our faith:*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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.

PASTOR: *Will you be a faithful covenant partner of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry, through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I will with God's help.

PASTOR: *Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I will with God's help.

PASTOR: *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.* (1 Peter 2:9)

WELCOME

PASTOR: By publicly professing her faith, Bonnie Thompson has covenanted to live and serve in covenant partnership in Christ with us here at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen. Let us welcome her together.

ALL: We welcome you in Christ, Bonnie, as a Covenant Partner of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen to share in the Lord's ministry in this congregation, for we are all one in him. May the Lord bless you and keep you.