

WORSHIP for Founder's Day - November 1, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) To watch **sermons recorded** on Zoom on our YouTube Channel, go to the FPCP website: <https://www.fpcpataskala.com/> and click on WORSHIP or follow us on Facebook from the homepage. To potentially increase subscribers & views,  like and  share!
- 2) Please invite family or friends, who want to join us for live worship on Sundays @10:45am, to request access by emailing their name, email, & phone number to fpcofpataskala@gmail.com
- 3) If you need a COVID-19 **cloth mask** call 740-901-1232 for the Johnsons, who lead the CRT. Thank you to Gage Marcum and Katie Slaymaker, who have been making masks available.
- 4) **Give to FPCP** while shopping for Christmas or for any time at smile.amazon.com. .5% of purchases go to FPCP, when you register for FPCP by going to this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1143651>
When shop thru smile.amazon.com, donations work like Kroger points. But for the church to get credit, you have to enter thru the link the first time, before shopping under your amazon account.
- 5) 11/8 Recognition of **veterans** on zoom worship.
- 6) **Memories of bearing witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thru Sally Seiberling's character & actions on 11/8** after Zoom worship. (Prior to family @ FPCP on 11/14.)
- 7) "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." *John 1:5*
Please bring a candle to light during zoom worship during Advent thru Christmas **11/29-12/24**. The candle may be real or battery operated.

*Introduction of Prelude: Collin Richardson plays the **prelude, "All Creatures of Our God & King,"** a hymn written by St Francis of Assisi in 1225 during medieval times before the reformation period from which our Presbyterian heritage comes.*

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX_eYGtEQz8&list=PLAdy2hvw6PL8_1itXDbTRrCel331DmVVU&index=7&t=0s

Call to Worship: Psalm 85:8-13 *Responsively*

I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants – but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.."

Introduction: Those who are leading worship this Founder's Day are members of our Wednesday night Bible study, where we learned about the Holy Spirit in Scripture and also about spiritual movements in the world, America, and Ohio, which led to the Founding of FPCP & our continued history. One such period is the Reformation, which has shaped our faith

tradition. Please join in singing our opening hymn, written by Martin Luther, one of the reformers who called the church to center in Christ and the authority of Scripture.

Opening Hymn: **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNeP7bGaggg>

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 85:4-7 *Unison*

Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

(Pause now for a time of silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 85:1-3 *Responsively*

“You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.”

We believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

“The Gloria Patri”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcYD_m4OhU

Please Continue to Give in Dedication to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Prayer Of Dedication: *Unison*

God, in view of your mercy help us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you, O God. Amen. *Romans 12:1*

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

*Introduction: Although some came to settle in America to exercise religious freedom, many came with the goal of seeking wealth, losing sight of the Christian faith. As a result, movements similar to the Reformation, to bring believers back to a right focus on Christ occurred throughout our nation’s history. Between these spiritual movements of revival, sacred hymns were written & sung. As a class exercise to see the influence of spiritual movements, we reported our favorite hymns. Our **hymn of preparation**, **“O God Our Help in Ages Past”** is one.*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKP_XxCBDZY

Introduction of the Historical Period of the 1st Great Awakening from 1730-43.

The 1st Great Awakening was a religious revival that impacted the English colonies in America during the 1730s and 1740s. The movement came at a time when passion for religion had grown stale. Christian leaders often traveled from town to town, preaching about the gospel, emphasizing salvation from sins and promoting enthusiasm for Christianity. The result was a renewed dedication toward religion. Many historians believe the Great Awakening had a lasting impact on various Christian denominations and American culture at large. One of the greatest

leaders of the 1st Great Awakening was the Presbyterian pastor, Jonathan Edwards.

Introduction: However, Scripture shows that, due to our flawed human nature, periods of spiritual fervor only last for a limited time. This was also true of the 1st Great Awakening in America. Thus, between the 1st & 2nd Great Awakenings of revival in America, sacred hymns were written & sung to remind people to turn back to God. One such hymn, traditionally played on bag pipes on Founder's Day is "Amazing Grace."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di9HZMlcVCU>

Call to God's Word: Unison

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?" John 10:35 & Romans 4:3.

Prayer for Illumination: Unison

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

Gospel Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+timothy+1%3A1-14&version=NIV>

Meditation: "Remember, Recalling, Reminded" by The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford
There is no recording this Sunday, due to hymn sing in the context of history.

PRAYERS of Joy and Concern, followed by:

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.

Introduction of the Historical Period of the 2nd Great Awakening from 1795-1840.

The 2nd Great Awakening, Protestant religious revival in the United States took place from about 1795 to 1840. During this revival, meetings were held in small towns and large cities throughout the country... Many churches experienced a great increase in membership... The Second Great Awakening made soul-winning the primary function of ministry and stimulated several moral and philanthropic reforms, including temperance and the emancipation of women. The 2nd wave of evangelical revivalism led to the founding of numerous colleges and seminaries and to the organization of mission societies across the US.

Introduction: "Holy, Holy, Holy" is a sacred hymn written during the 2nd Great Awakening. In studying history during our Wednesday class, we found that many of our favorite hymns were written during spiritual awakenings in America. Thus, through music, the history of these movements and subsequently the work of the Holy Spirit have influenced us, even without our knowing. Praise be to God, because they are the core of our church's founding.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iK0Miq2xNo>

History of the Founding of Our Church in 1837 during the 2nd Great Awakening

During the period of the 2nd Great Awakening there was a lengthy religious meeting held in Mr. Joseph Baird's barn in Harrison Township. Visiting clergymen, Henry Little and Jonathan Cable, conducted an evangelistic service that on a warm July in 1837 resulted in many confessions of faith. Based on those confessions and the desire of the people in the area, a Presbyterian church was organized Nov. 11, 1837. At its first gathering, in a log cabin schoolhouse near Richard Conine's Mill, 10 women and nine men formed the South Fork Presbyterian Church. Present were Reverends Charles Putnam, Jacob Tuttle, Jacob Little and Jonathan Cable. The names of these original members are as follows: Hall Robertson and wife Eliza, William Baird and wife Christiana, Isaac Condit and wife Jane, Orson Smith and Wife Harriet, Sammuel S. Dobbin and wife Sarah, Julia Knowles, Mrs. Hannah Van Dorn and daughter Sarah, Peabody Atkinson, John Frayzier, James C. Condit, Joseph Baird and wife Margery, and Mrs. Rebecca Niblow.

Introduction: Please join in singing a hymn written during the 3rd Great Awakening, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vlv0zzKs_rY

Introduction of the Historical Period of the 3rd Great Awakening from 1850-1923.

The 3rd Great Awakening, according to historians, occurred from approximately 1850 to the early 1920s. Much like the 1st & 2nd Great Awakenings, this time period experienced a resurgence in religious interest & vigor. The "Great Prayer Meeting Revival of 1857-58" was the catalyst & carried into the 1870s, as Dwight Moody's urban campaigns spread across the US. Similar to previous awakenings, the 3rd Great Awakening helped reinvigorate religious education thru the founding of various bible colleges & seminaries, including the Moody Bible Institute. As with other awakenings, a Presbyterian pastor led the way, for R.A. Torrey worked with Moody at the Bible Institute.

Introduction: The Great Awakenings were periods of spiritual revival, prayer, and fervent proclamation of the Gospel thru evangelism. All of these are at the root of the founding of FPCP and continue through much of our history, as we shall hear. One current means is thru Good News Club in our local schools, using curriculum from Child Evangelism Fellowship. Fittingly one hymn from the 3rd Great Awakening is "I Love to Tell the Story." Let us sing together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un9GC-LCS-c>

Our Early Church History from 1839-1870,

including a 10 year spiritual lull between the 2nd & into the 3rd Great Awakening.

In all, the South Fork Presbyterian Church had received 180 individuals into membership between 1839- 1852. The first house of worship was completed in 1852, but by then membership had declined to about 70-75 members. (A 10 year break from 1840-50 in spiritual revival, deaths, & division in America that eventually leading to the Civil War likely contributed to these losses.) The only original members who remained connected to the congregation were Mr. William Baird & Mrs. Margery Baird, the widow of the late Joseph Baird... April of

1864 marked a new chapter in the life of our church. The congregation asked the Presbytery of Newark to change its name from South Fork Presbyterian to Pataskala Presbyterian. At about the same time the roof failed on the gravel bank structure after 16 years of use. The 70-member congregation deemed the building unsafe and decided to build a new one... On Oct. 13, 1870, Pataskala Presbyterian Church was dedicated to God with a sermon from Haggai 2:9: "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former."

Introduction: "I Come to the Garden Alone" is a popular hymn written near the end of the 3rd Great Awakening.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ2Mcd7pX20>

Our Church History from 1876-1891, into the 3rd Great Awakening:

Succeeding Rev. Howe was the Rev. T. S. Bailey (Feb. 16, 1876)... Also during this time a **religious revival** spread through the church and 35 people joined. Attendance increased both in the Sunday school and Sunday morning services. By April of 1877, the church had 160 members and 125 enrolled in Sunday school... [Rev. Bailey] resigned First Presbyterian Church, Pataskala on May 4, 1878. When he left, the church had 170 members and 135 in Sunday school... During the 1880s, accurate records of attendance were kept... By this time, the record indicates that a total of 570 individuals had been members of the church... Rev. W. F. Layport, began his ministry on Oct. 31, 1891. While he was conducting revival services, a committee was appointed to purchase 100 badly needed hymn books.

Introduction: "The Old Rugged Cross" is a favorite hymn written in the last decade of the 3rd Great Awakening.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CltrLsjsQl0>

Our Church History from 1904-1923, thru the end of the 3rd Great Awakening:

When the new pastor [Rev. Nesbitt] arrived [in 1904]... **special revival meetings** were held in October. **The revival spirit continued for the next few years. In December of 1904, the congregation was divided into prayer meeting groups.** At these "Cottage Prayer Meetings" individuals were "made the **special subject of prayer** that they might be brought to a saving knowledge of the Savior." In October 1906, **session "decided to unite with other churches of the village in a special series of revival services."**

Our history further records that when these prayer meetings stopped in 1924, just after the conclusion of the 3rd Great Awakening, FPCP went into decline. But there have been periods of growth, such as we are experiencing now. May we be guided by God's faithfulness into the future for the sake of the Kingdom to bring glory to Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Introduction: The beloved hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was written in 1923, the last year of the 3rd Great Awakening. This song concludes the hymn sing and historical reports portion of today's worship service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liQzzc41z5Q>

*Introduction: Brent Miller sings & plays the **postlude**, “**Find Us Faithful**,” sung on Founder’s day last year by our dearly departed Mat Mauger. We hear it again to look forward to God’s intended & continuing future at FPCP.*

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynN_rO7KsY&list=PLAdy2hvW6PL8_1itXDbTRrCel331DmVVU&index=1

Benediction: *Responsively*

Go forth into the world to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**