

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

**January 4, 2026**

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## Welcome, Announcements, & Congregational Greeting

### Gospel Greeting

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Scripture Meditation: *Psalms 139:1–2*

*(Recite in Unison)*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

### Introit & Silent Preparation

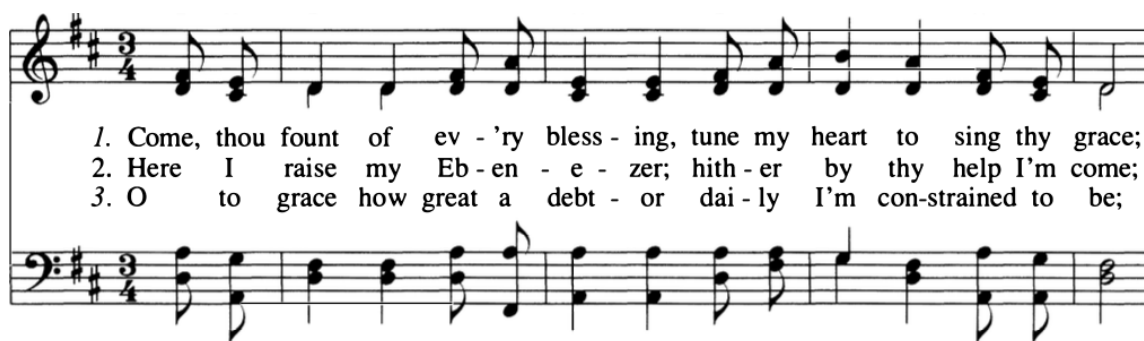
#### \* Call to Worship: *Psalms 81:1*

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;

Congregation: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

#### \* Prayer of Invocation

#### \* Congregational Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

\* Please stand if you are able.

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:  
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

\* Congregational Praise: *Great is the Lord*



Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just, by His pow-er we trust in His love.



Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true, by His mer-cy He proves He is love.



Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:



Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!  
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

## **Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 3:25-33***

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; let him put his mouth in the dust— there may yet be hope; let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

## **Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin**

*(Recite in Unison)*

Lord, you are that God who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn and live. You are our Savior, who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of your truth. Therefore, O Lord, we humbly ask you not to withdraw your mercies from us because of our sins, but rather, O Lord, lay upon us your saving health, that you may show yourself toward us to be a Savior: for what greater praise can there be to a Physician, than to heal the sick; neither can there be any greater glory to you being a Savior, than to save sinners. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon: *Colossians 3:3-4***

*(Recite in Unison)*

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings (Pennies for Hunger)**

### **\* The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **The Pastoral Prayer: *Ezekiel 36:25-27***

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

# The Lord's Prayer

(Recite in Unison)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*\*\* Children Dismissed for Children's Bible Study\*\*\*

## \* Congregational Praise: *My Life Is in You, Lord*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of 33 measures, numbered 1 through 33. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into six systems, each containing a staff of music and its corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are: 'My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength; With all of my life, with all of my strength; All of my hope is in You. My'.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in  
You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in  
You. My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in  
You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in  
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## **\* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word**

### **The Preaching of God's Word**

JOHN 2:23-25 – JESUS KNOWS THE HEARTS OF HUMANITY

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

#### **\* The Apostles' Creed**

*(Recite in Unison)*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

# \* Congregational Hymn: *What Wondrous Love Is This*



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!  
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!



**\* Benediction: *Psalm 129:8***

The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

**\* Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**\* Postlude & Dismissal**

While the gathering has ended, service to Christ continues; let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, serving our Lord as His ambassadors!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*\*\*\*If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at [jhartley@fpceden.org](mailto:jhartley@fpceden.org)\*\*\**

### Our Congregation

- Mike & Martha Corum
- Pat Morris
- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor

### Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Childs – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Al and Joy Doomy – Outreach to Asia Nationals
- Bradley and Jessica Long – Frontier Fellowship
- Brent and Marianne Pilson – Café 1040

### Operation World – Prayer for the World (January 1-11)

The Church must find new ways of training, sending, and supporting missionaries, especially non-Western workers. Traditional Protestant mission agencies will continue to serve the global movement, but changes in global politics and economics require new models and patterns of mission work. Mission agencies increasingly work through partner networks, based on specific unreached areas or people groups. The networks share resources or even workers, and collaborate on initiatives. Mission-minded Christians serve overseas in a variety of vocations, whether relief and development, business, education, sports, the arts, or others. Some serve through agencies, but others go on their own, or hold looser connections with a mission fellowship. Groups that migrated all over the world (like Filipinos, Chinese, Koreans, Nigerians) have become stronger forces for mission as they see opportunities for Kingdom service abroad.

*Father, help us to be a God-glorifying, Christ-exalting, Spirit-led, Bible-saturated, Mission-driven, and Fellowship-focused people.*

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

### The Lord's Supper

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on February 1, 2026.

### Session

Paul Sasser (2026)  
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)  
Kenny Mabe (2028)  
Everall Peele (2028)  
Bill Robertson (2028)  
Jennifer Shafer (2028)  
Pastor Brad Milks

### Ministries

Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am  
Public Worship | Sunday 10:00am  
The Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am  
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm  
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm  
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am  
Romans Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

### Staff

Pastor: Rev. Bradley Milks  
Pastor's Email: [brad@fpceden.org](mailto:brad@fpceden.org)  
Treasurer's Email: [beth@fpceden.org](mailto:beth@fpceden.org)

### Stewardship (12/01/25)

#### Operational Budget

YTD Received: \$262,800  
YTD Expenses: \$267,241  
Budget YTD: -\$4,441

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#### Building Fund

Building Need: 166,441  
Building Received: \$155,107  
Building YTD -\$11,334

#### Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, February 1, 2026

### Session & Committee Meetings

Session – 2/3 at 7:00pm  
Missions – January  
Congregational Care – January

## NEW TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

We are thankful you have gathered with us this morning as we worship the living triune God! We pray you encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Sunday School Class!** We will begin a new Sunday School class on Sunday, January 11, 2026. The class will study Joel Beeke's latest book, *Essentials of Reformed Systematic Theology*. Theology is not meant to be an academic subject. This book intentionally ministers to the mind, heart, and hands. Do you want to learn more about our great God and what Scripture teaches? Join us at 9:00am in the Adult Discipleship Room. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Brad before the class begins.

**New Ladies Bible Study.** Ladies, join us for Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 6:45PM starting January 15th at FPC! We are beginning a brand new study through the book of Acts using the study "Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts," by Nancy Guthrie. Study books are \$8. For more information, contact Kristin Milks at milksfam10@gmail.com.

**Staff Love Gift.** The staff would like to thank everyone who donated to the love gift offering. We are incredibly thankful for your generosity. It truly is a pleasure serving Christ at First Presbyterian Church!

**To parents with children:** We are glad you, your family, and your children are here this morning. Children are a blessing from the Lord. Sometimes they wiggle and squirm throughout the service. Children are not a distraction to the church. They are a gift from the Lord.

**To children:** If you want to doodle all over this bulletin – go for it! We are glad you are with us.