



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

**January 11, 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: *Romans 6:4***

*(Recite in Unison)*

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

### **Introit & Silent Preparation**

#### **\* Call to Worship: *Psalm 99:2-3***

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Congregation: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

#### **\* Prayer of Invocation**

**\* Please stand if you are able.**

\* Congregational Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

\* Congregational Song: *Here is My Heart*

Mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, gra - cious Re - deem - er, slow in Your

an - ger, rich in Your love; Full of com - pas - sion,

long - ing to heal and bless, You will for - give all of my

sin if I will con - fess. Here is my heart, Lord, I lay it

o - pen; search ev - 'ry cor - ner, cleanse ev - 'ry

part. Here is my heart, Lord, yield - ed and bro -

ken; Mer - ci - ful Lord, come and re - store, here is my heart.

The musical score is written on seven staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, gra - cious Re - deem - er, slow in Your an - ger, rich in Your love; Full of com - pas - sion, long - ing to heal and bless, You will for - give all of my sin if I will con - fess. Here is my heart, Lord, I lay it o - pen; search ev - 'ry cor - ner, cleanse ev - 'ry part. Here is my heart, Lord, yield - ed and bro - ken; Mer - ci - ful Lord, come and re - store, here is my heart.'

## **Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 3:34-42***

To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth, to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High, to subvert a man in his lawsuit, the Lord does not approve. Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins? Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: “We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven.

## **Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin** *(Recite in Unison)*

I will “confess my transgressions unto the Lord,” and acknowledge my infirmity. How small are the afflictions by which I am often cast down, and plunged in sorrow! Behold, therefore, O Lord, my abject state, and pity the infirmity which you know infinitely better than myself! Have mercy upon me that I sink not; that the deep may not swallow me up forever! Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 51:7-8*** *(Recite in Unison)*

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings**

*Choir: As the Deer*

## **\* 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: *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## 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.

## The Children's Sermon

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

## \* Congregational Song: *Thy Word*



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



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1..When I feel a -fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still, You're there right be -  
2..I will not for- get Your love for me, and yet, my heart for - ev - er is



side me. Noth - ing will I fear, as long as You are near.  
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side;



Please be near me to the end. - - - -  
I will love You to the end.

## **\* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word**

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

JOHN 3:1-8 – YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

## \* Congregational Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
 and mortal life shall cease,  
 I shall possess within the veil  
 a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 bright shining as the sun,  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise  
 than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779  
 St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.  
 Traditional American melody  
 Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

**\* Benediction: *Deuteronomy 1:11***

May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised 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
- Billy Shafer
- 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)

Missionary vision in the Church: An Acts 1:8 strategy is needed for every church and denomination. Amazing results have been achieved by a dedicated few. How speedily the world would be evangelized if all believers and every congregation obeyed the commands of Jesus in Acts 1 and believed His promises of enablement through the Holy Spirit! Pray for the awakening and growth of missionary concern.

### January Birthdays

- Jan. 4 Ronald Martin
- Jan. 12 Sue Parker
- Jan. 14 Beth Chandler
- Jan. 20 Stephen Castle
- Jan. 21 Cooper Carter

*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, 2025.

### Session

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

### Staff

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### Session & Committee Meetings

Session – 2/3 at 7:00pm  
Missions – 1/8 at 5:00pm  
Congregational Care – January

### 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  
Women Bible Study | Thursday 6:45pm  
Romans Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

### Stewardship (12/01/25)

#### Operational Budget

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

#### Building Fund

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

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

Sunday, January 4, 2025

## 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 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.

**Mission/Outreach Committee.** The Missions/Outreach Committee will be meeting this Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:00pm in the Missions Room.

**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.