

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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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 8:32*

(Recite in Unison)

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 150:1*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Please stand if you are able.

* Congregational Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm- wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe.
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

* Congregational Song: *'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2. Oh, how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust him, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



just to rest up - on his prom-ise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
just from Je - sus sim-ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus! Oh, for grace to trust him more!



Words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

TRUST IN JESUS

87 87 with refrain

Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 3:58-66*

“You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life. You have seen the wrong done to me, O Lord; judge my cause. You have seen all their vengeance, all their plots against me. “You have heard their taunts, O Lord, all their plots against me. The lips and thoughts of my assailants are against me all the day long. Behold their sitting and their rising; I am the object of their taunts. “You will repay them, O Lord, according to the work of their hands. You will give them dullness of heart; your curse will be on them. You will pursue them in anger and destroy them from under your heavens, O Lord.”

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 53:5*

(Recite in Unison)

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: What the Lord has Done in Me

*** 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: *1 John 4:14*

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

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 Praise: *You are My King & Mighty to Save*

I'm for-giv-en be-cause You were for-sak-en. I'm ac-cept-ed;

You were con-demned. I'm a-live and well, Your Spir-it lives with-in me be-

cause You died and rose a-gain. A - maz-ing love, how can it be

that You my King would die for me? A - maz-ing love, I

know it's true; it's my joy to hon-or You. In all I

do I hon-or You. You are my King. You are my

King. Je-sus, You are my King. Je-sus, You are my King.

1. Ev-ry-one needs com-pas-sion love that's nev-er fail-ing, Let

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail-ures,

mer-cy fall on me. Ev'-ry one needs for-give- ness, the kind -ness of a Sav
Fill my life a - gain. I give my life to fol - low, ev'-ry-thing I be - lieve

CHORUS

Sav- ior, the hope of na - tions, Sav- ior, He can move the
in. Now I sur - ren - der.

moun - tains; my God is migh - ty to save, He is migh - ty to save. For -
ev - er, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion, He rose and con - quered the grave; Je - sus
con-quered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're sing-ing
for the glo - ry of the ris - en King Je-sus King

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2. **Back to CHORUS**

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 3:16-18 – THE FATHER'S GREAT LOVE

* Congregational Hymn: *Victory in Jesus (Christ Won the Victory)*

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
2. I heard a - bout his heal-ing, all his mir - a - cles re - veal-ing,
3. I'll tell the old, old sto - ry till my Sav - ior comes from glo - ry,

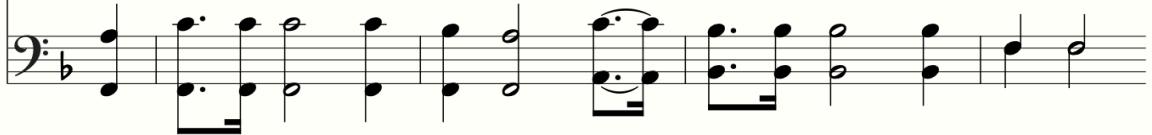
2. **Back to CHORUS**



how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me.
that he a - lone can save a soul and set the cap - tive free.
I'll tell of all the Lord has done to set this sin - ner free,



I heard a - bout his groan-ing, of his pre- cious blood's a - ton - ing,
I'm hap - py in his prom - ise; how soon he's com - ing for us,
that all who will be - lieve him by faith can still re - ceive him



then I re - pent - ed of my sin, Christ won the vic - to - ry.
and home with him I'll sing a - gain: "Christ won the vic - to - ry!"
and share in that re - demp - tion song: "Christ won the vic - to - ry!"



Oh, vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior for - ev - er!



He sought me and bought me with his redeem-ing blood.

He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him.

He plunged me to vic-to-ry be - neath the cleans-ing flood.

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HARTFORD
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* Benediction: *Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

* 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****

Our Congregation

- 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 – Asia

Praise God for the growth of the Church into new places. Lands previously cut off from overt Christian ministry are now home to dynamic, growing churches and unprecedented numbers of believers. This started with China in earlier decades, then moved to the former Soviet countries in Central Asia, the Caucasus Republics and Mongolia in the 1990s, and most recently in a number of Southeast Asian countries. Even in the heart of the Muslim world, thriving ministry to Christian populations (and other expatriate, non-Muslim peoples) is happening. Only in Saudi Arabia and Maldives are there no public-meeting Christian congregations; even in these countries (and many others), there are numbers of believers meeting together privately or in secret.

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

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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 – 2025 Year

Operational Budget
YTD Received: \$295,650
YTD Expenses: \$291,103
Budget YTD: \$4,457

Building Fund

Building Need: \$181,567
Building Received: \$174,354
Building YTD -\$7,213

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)
Sunday, February 1, 2025

February Birthdays

- Feb. 1 Billy Shafer
- Feb. 4 Frank Lauzau
- Feb. 5 Jennifer Shafer
- Feb. 6 Martha Roberts
- Feb. 9 Lera Hinson
- Feb. 10 Cindy Gauldin, Sarah Henry
- Feb. 11 Paul Sasser
- Feb. 14 Judy Paull
- Feb. 17 Wayne Evans
- Feb. 22 Ruthie Underwood
- Feb. 25 Charley Carter

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

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has begun to prayerfully discern who the Lord is calling to serve as Ruling Elders for the class of 2029. If you have recommendations and have received that person's approval, please submit the recommendation to Mary Mabe, Bill Roberts, Bill Robertson, Jennifer Shafer, or Thomas Simmons.

Part-Time Church Administrator. We are looking to hire a part-time (15/hr/week) Church Administrator. This person will be responsible for providing administrative support to the church office and the Pastor, as well as bookkeeping responsibilities. If you are interested in this position or know anyone who may be, please contact Pastor Brad Milks at brad@fpceden.org for more information.

Mission Mystery Auction & Covered Dish. Sunday, February 15, 2026, 5:00pm in the Gathering Area. Come join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and surprises. Bring your favorite dishes for dinner, which will be followed by our Mission Mystery Auction. The mystery is in the wrapped gifts auctioned off, sight unseen, by Linda Wyatt, our resident auctioneer. You may have some nice, but unwanted, Christmas gifts, but just remember that folks pay BIG BUCKS for those items. Profits from the Auction will go to the FPC Mission Fund, which supports our homegrown missionaries, Church Pantry, Student Backpack Program, and other special projects. If you can't attend but have gifts to be auctioned, you may bring your gifts to church on Sunday morning, February 15. Be sure to bring some cash or a checkbook to the auction because you will not be able to pass up these mystery items!

Stew and Bake Sale. The Stew and Bake Sale event is set for Saturday, February 14, 2026. Stew will be ready for pickup between 11:00am-1:00pm. Tickets are available today and will be on sale until the week of the Stew. Still \$9 a quart. We will also have a Bake Sale and are asking for baked goods and other items such as breads, jams, cookies, etc. to be brought on Friday, the 13th.

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.