



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

August 31, 2025

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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: *Hebrews 11:3* (Recite in Unison)

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalms 86:8-9*

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

Congregation: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Please stand if you are able.

*** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Verse 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Verse 2

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Verse 3

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of
grace.

*** *There is a Redeemer***

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Verse 2

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Verse 3

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Reading of Scripture: *Galatians 6:11-18*

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Corporate & Personal Confession of Sin *(Recite in Unison)*

O Father in Heaven, I am a poor sinner who has rebelled against you in thought, word, and deed. My conscience accuses me. The Devil accuses me. The Law accuses me. Yet, I come to your throne through Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, seeking pardon. I abhor my sin and beg of your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isiah 43:25* *(Recite in Unison)*

I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Tithing & Offerings

Choir: How Great Thou Art

*** 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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing: Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years, and then forevermore.

*** Prayer of Illumination**

The Reading & Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 1:3-5 – THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT

*** *For the Beauty of the Earth***

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,

Verse 3

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Verse 4

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

*** Benediction: *1 Kings 8:57-58***

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. Amen.

*** 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!

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

John 1:6-13

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

NOTES

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Supper

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be September 7, 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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September Birthdays

Sept. 1 Melva Johnston
Sept. 2 Michael Hinson, Alayna Underwood, Wyatt Wyatt
Sept. 10 Henry Thornton
Sept. 12 Shirley Prescott, Debbie Taylor
Sept. 18 Carol Helms, Nancy Putnam
Sept. 19 Kenny Mabe
Sept. 20 Steven Cates
Sept. 26 Bill Roberts
Sept. 27 Joan Young

Ministries

Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am
Worship Service | Sunday 10:00am
Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Women's Study | Thursday 6:45pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am
Men's Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

Events

Let's Talk | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:30am
FallFest | Saturday, October 25, 2025

Stewardship (08/01/25)

Operational Budget

YTD Received: \$157,964
YTD Expenses: \$173,805
Budget YTD: -\$15,841

Building Fund

Building Need: \$105,917
Building Received: \$97,507
Building YTD: -\$8,410

PRAYER REQUESTS

****If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at jhartley@fpceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Mike & Martha Corum
- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Jonathan Smith
- Jean Still
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Jim and Mariam Wilson

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

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

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

Jonah – Women's Fall Bible Study. Ladies, join us on Thursdays starting September 4th at 6:45 pm as we journey through "Jonah" using a Bible Study created by Lydia Brownback. This amazing study will incorporate teaching and discussion as we delve deeper into God's relentless grace. Contact Kristin Milks at milksfam10@gmail.com for more information!

Kenny Mabe and Bill Robertson Installation Service. We will be holding a special ordination/installation service for our newest Ruling Elders, Kenny Mabe and Bill Robertson, on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm, followed by a celebratory potluck dinner.

FallFest. This morning, find early sign-up opportunities for Fall Fest. Check items you can help with and note your commitments. Note Ginny Jones's beautiful basket to be auctioned at the festival. Please bring any items for a basket and place them in front of Pat's office door. Find basket options on sanctuary tables and sign up to bring themed basket items. Raffle tickets and Stew by the quart tickets will be available next week, if not this morning, in the Gathering Area.

Wedding Shower for Kelly Robertson. You are invited to a special wedding shower for Kelly Robertson, daughter of Bill and Wanda Robertson, on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Whitley Gathering Area. Kelly is registered at Amazon and Zola.

Membership Class. Have you been attending First Presbyterian for some time and want to learn more about us and become a member? We will be holding our 4-week membership class, starting September 14, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Adult Discipleship room. If you plan to attend, RSVP with Pastor Brad.

Young at Hearts will meet on Tuesday, September 23, at 12:00 pm in the Gathering Area. Our speaker will be Fire Marshall Melissa Joyce. We all need to learn more about fire safety. The meal will be a covered dish as always. Please come and bring a friend.

Ice Cream Social. On Sunday, September 28, 6:00 pm, we will have our Annual Ice Cream Social on the church patio (weather permitting). Please bring your favorite homemade ice cream or a dessert to share. The Congregational Life Committee will provide beverages.