

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

**September 14, 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: *Romans 5:21* (Recite in Unison)**

So that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Introit & Silent Preparation**

#### **\* Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 16:8-9***

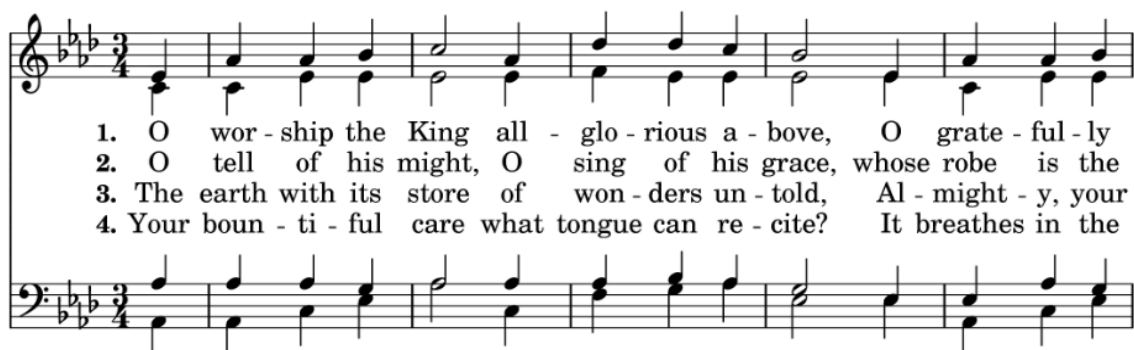
Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

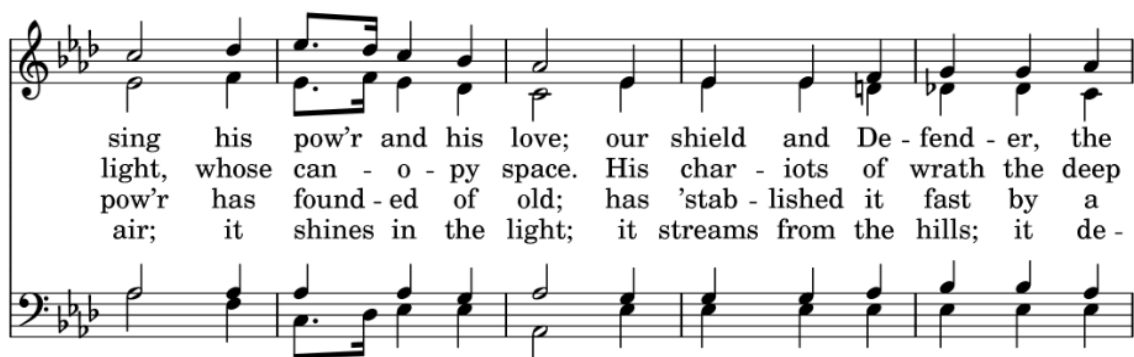
#### **\* Prayer of Invocation**

\* Please stand if you are able.

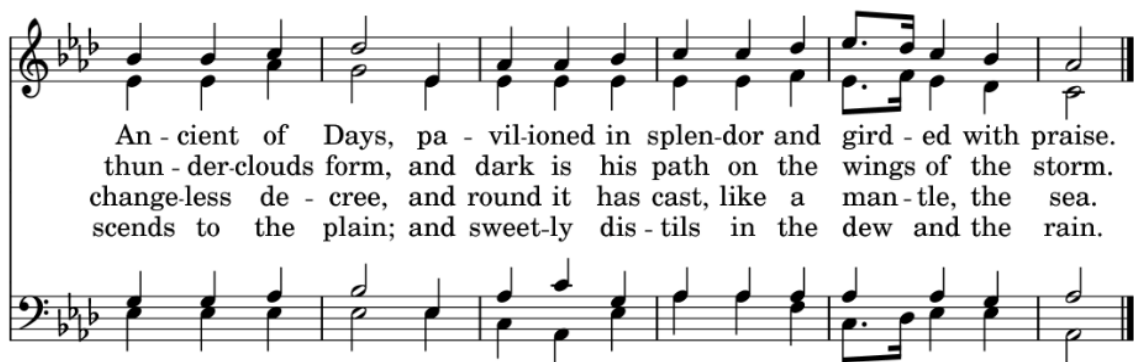
## \* Congregational Hymn: *O Worship the King*



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

**\* Congregational Song: *Here is My Heart***

*Verse*

Merciful Savior, gracious Redeemer,  
Slow in Your anger, rich in Your love;  
Full of compassion, longing to heal and bless;  
You will forgive all of my sin if I will confess.

*Chorus*

Here is my heart, Lord, I lay it open.  
Search every corner, cleanse every part.  
Here is my heart, Lord, yielded and broken.  
Merciful Lord, come and restore, here is my heart.

## **Reading of Scripture: *Habakkuk 1:12-2:1***

Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof. You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he? You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad. Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich. Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever? I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

## **Corporate & Personal Confession of Sins** *(Recite in Unison)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, show us grace, and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 32:5*** *(Recite in Unison)*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings**

*Choir: All Because of Your Amazing Grace*

## **\* 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

Christ, our wisdom, we are humbled when you hide your ways from us;  
you have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.  
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts;  
give us grace to see more clearly; you are God, and we are not.

*Christ, our Wisdom – Verse 1 | Sing! Hymnal #627*  
Jon Althoff, Bob Kauflin, Nathan Stiff

## 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: *Be Unto Your Name*

### *Verse 1*

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

### *Chorus*

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, Honor and glory, Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.

### *Verse 2*

We are the broken, You are the healer. Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song, we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your  
name.

## \* Prayer of Illumination

### The Reading & Preaching of God's Word

- JOHN 1:14-18 – THE WORD DWELT AMONG US

#### \* *Congregational Hymn: Christ Our Only Hope in Life and Death*



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un-to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"



What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-long.  
Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.  
And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with him.



Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes, a-part from his com-mand?  
Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial?  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed,



F/C C Dm Bb F/C C F Fsus F

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
 and we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



**\* Benediction: 2 *Peter* 3:18**

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. 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!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

### **Our Congregation**

- Mike & Martha Corum
- Pat Morris
- 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.***

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

### The Lord's Supper

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on October 5, 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 – 10/7 at 7:00pm  
Missions/Outreach – 9/16 at 5:30pm  
Congregational Life – at 1:30pm

### 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 | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 10:30am  
FallFest | Saturday, October 25, 2025

### Stewardship (09/01/25)

#### Operational Budget

YTD received: \$168,876  
YTD Expenses: \$196,151  
Budget YTD: -\$27,275

#### Building Fund

Building need: \$121,048  
Building Received: \$102,741  
Building YTD: -\$18,307

## 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

**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.

**Fall Fest.** We currently have raffle tickets for: 1) A beautiful quilt, recently donated by Mary Mabe, 2) Prizes of \$500, \$300, or an iPad, 3) a Ruger Rifle, 4) and a Grandover Resort and Spa Weekend!

Please take some books to sell. We also have Stew tickets available. Please sign up to help with FF if you haven't already done so. Basket, Silent Auction, Red Ticket Raffle, & Yard Sale items needed NOW. See sign-ups on the Fall Fest table & help us gather items from businesses. Take Flyers to distribute around town to places you frequent & to give to businesses when you ask for donation gifts. Ask them to post them in their store. Gift cards are great for the Red Ticket Raffle.

**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.