

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

September 21, 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: *Acts 1:5* (Recite in Unison)

For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit
not many days from now.

Introit & Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship: *Psalms 47:5-6***

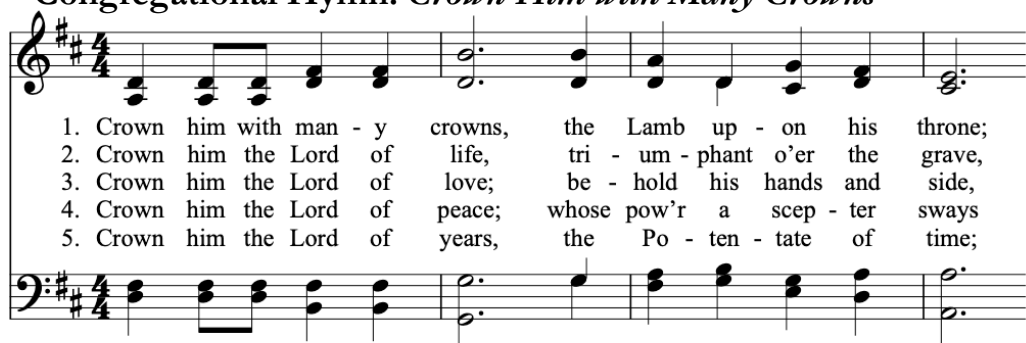
Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a
trumpet.

**Congregation: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises!**

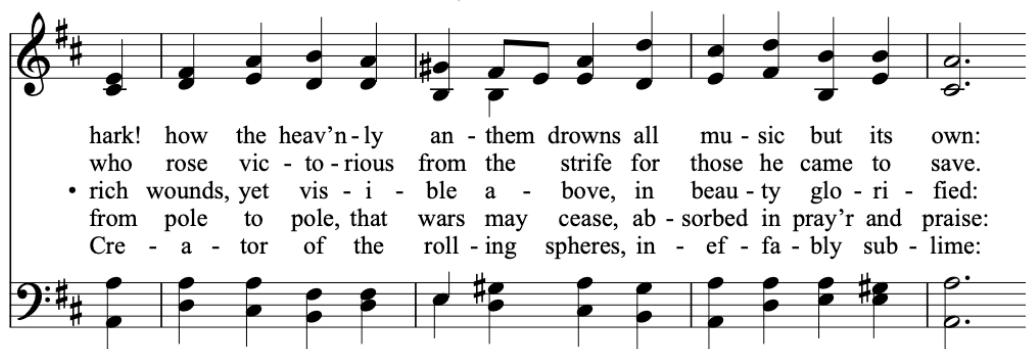
*** Prayer of Invocation**

* Please stand if you are able.

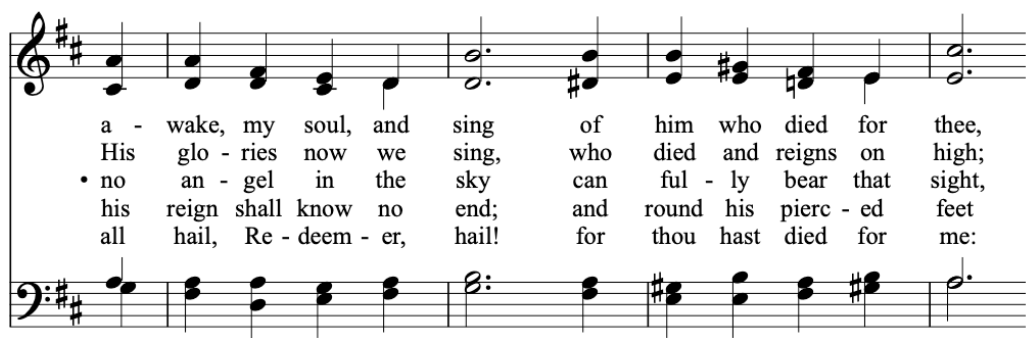
* Congregational Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*



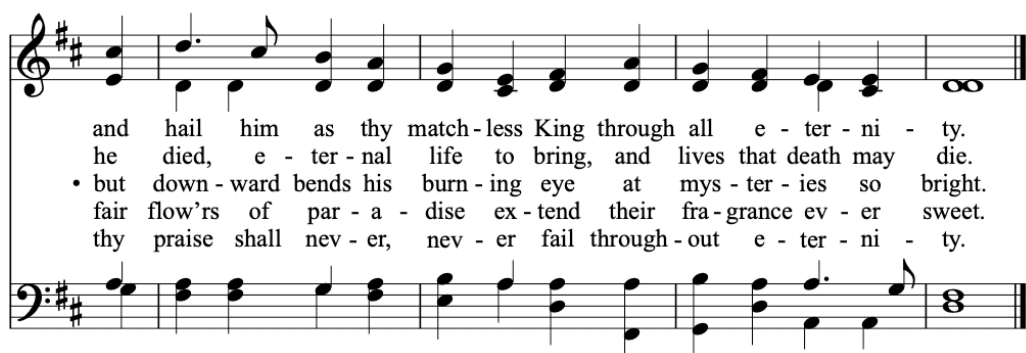
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

* Congregational Hymn: *Ancient of Days*

Verse 1

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King reigning over all.
So I will not fear, for this truth remains: that my God is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

None above him, none before him; all of time in his hands.
For his throne, it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory, I will trust in his name, for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Verse 2

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me— I am not alone. Oh, his love is sure, and he knows my name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

Verse 3

Though I may not see what the future brings,
I will watch and wait for the Savior King.
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

Reading of Scripture: *Habakkuk 2:2-20*

And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples.”

Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say, “Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own— for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!” Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

“Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm! You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life. For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond.

“Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

“Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord’s right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory! The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

“What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

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

We confess our transgressions to You, O LORD. Many are the sorrows of our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. Preserve us for Your sake. We come seeking pardon for our iniquities. Christ alone is our hiding place. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Matthew 11:28-30* *(Recite in Unison)*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: Prepare!

*** 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

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: *Days of Elijah***

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

Chorus

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call!
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes!

Verse 2

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord!

Bridge

There's no god like Jehovah! There's no god like Jehovah!
There's no god like Jehovah! There's no god like Jehovah!

Author: Robin Mark | Tune: DAYS OF ELIJAH

*** Prayer of Illumination**

The Reading & Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 1:19-28 – THE VOICE CRYING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

*** Congregational Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we
3 His Word shall not fail you— he prom - ised; be - lieve him, and

dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the
 fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -
 all will be well: then go to a world that is

Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!
 min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!
 dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

REFRAIN

Turn your eyes upon Je - sus, look full in his wonderful face; and the

things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

*** Benediction: *Deuteronomy 7:9***

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. 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@fpceden.org****

Our Congregation

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

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Session & Committee Meetings

Session – 10/7 at 7:00pm
Missions – 9/16 at 5:30pm
Congregational Care – 10/9 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 Bible 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
Fall Fest | 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

Men's Bible Study – Romans. Our Saturday morning Men's Bible Study will embark on a study through the book of Romans. We meet at 7:15am at the Sirloin House. Join us as we study this compelling book with one another. For more information, please email, text, or contact Pastor Brad.

Young at Hearts will meet this 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, 6:00pm, 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. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the Sanctuary.

Fall Fest. We are getting closer to Fall Fest, scheduled for October 25, from 7:30am to 2:30pm. Here are some areas we still need assistance: 1) Getting tickets, found in the Gathering Area, to sell, 2) Distributing flyers to families, friends, and local businesses you may frequent, 3) Items are still needed for baskets, the silent auction, the Red Ticket raffle, the yard sale, and door prizes, 4) Contacting local businesses to see if they would be willing to donate any items, prizes, gift cards, etc. If you are willing to assist, please let Pat Smith know.

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.