

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

November 2, 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: *Lamentations 3:22-24*

(Recite in Unison)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Introit & Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship: *Psalms 150:1-2***

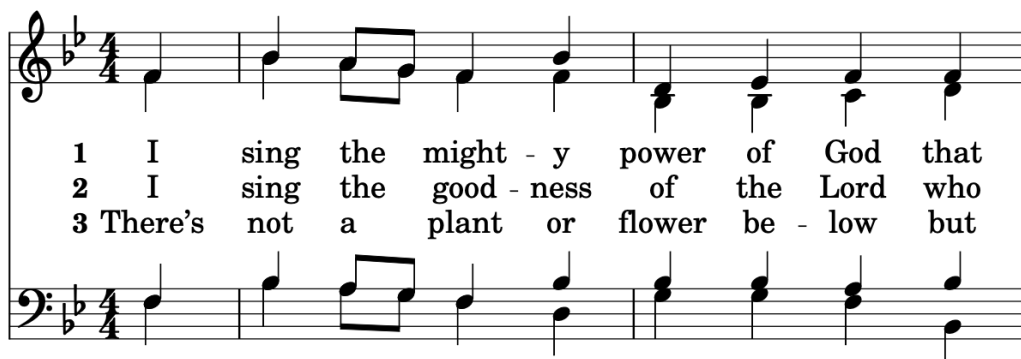
Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Congregation: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

*** Prayer of Invocation**

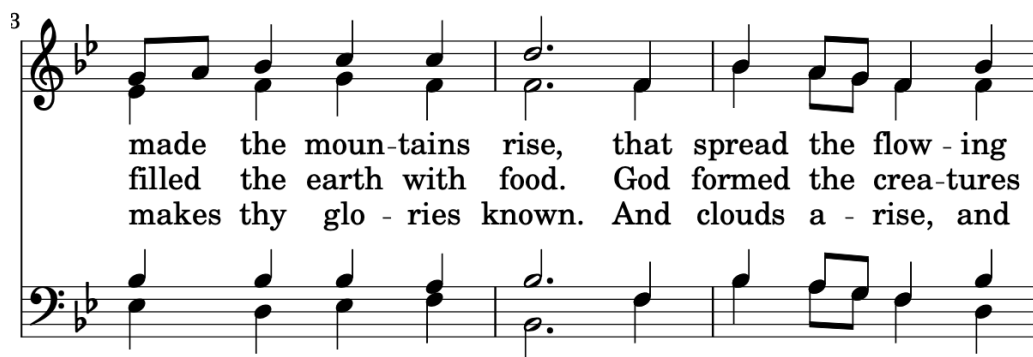
* Please stand if you are able.

* Congregational Hymn: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*



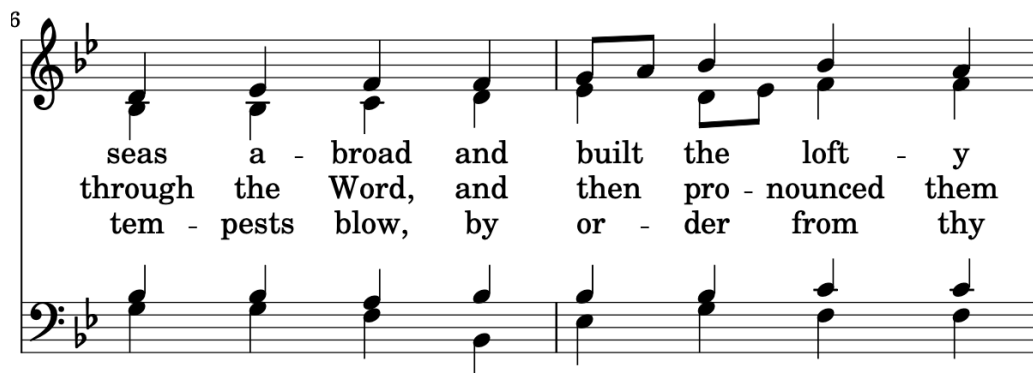
1 I sing the might - y power of God that
 2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord who
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but

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made the moun-tains rise, that spread the flow - ing
 filled the earth with food. God formed the crea-tures
 makes thy glo - ries known. And clouds a - rise, and

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seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 through the Word, and then pro - nounced them
 tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy

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skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is

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sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at
e'er I turn my eye, if I sur-vey the
ev-er in thy care, and ev-ery-where that

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God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

*** Congregational Song: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior***

Verse 1

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Verse 3

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us, Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Author: Dawn Rodgers | Tune: VINE RIDGE | The Sing! Hymnal # 199

Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 3:1-18*

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; he has broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has made my chains heavy; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones; he has made my paths crooked. He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding; he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate; he bent his bow and set me as a target for his arrow. He drove into my kidneys the arrows of his quiver; I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the object of their taunts all day long. He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord."

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *John 3:16*

(Recite in Unison)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: Surely the Presence

*** 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.

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

*** Congregational Song: *Break the Holy Bread of Life***

Verse 1

Break the holy Bread of Life and feed my hungry soul;
Pour the wine of sacrifice into my waiting heart.
Open up my eyes again to wonders of Your grace,
Remind me how much You love me.

Verse 2

Speak the precious Word of Life and help my ears to hear;
Write Your laws within my heart and strengthen my resolve.
Let me taste the sweetness of Your holy purity,
Remind me how much I need You.

Verse 3

Wash me clean in the blood of the Lamb;
Fill me with Spirit fire.
Set my feet on the righteous path;
For Your name and Your glory.

*** Prayer of Illumination**

The Reading & Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 13 – TRUSTING IN THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

* The Apostles' Creed

(Recite in Unison)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

Amen.

* Congregational Hymn: *Nothing but the Blood*

1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. For my cleans- ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
• naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
this is all my righ- teous-ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN

O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Author: Robert Lowry | Tune: PLAINFIELD | Trinity Hymnal #307

* **Benediction:** *Revelation 1:5-6*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. 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!

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Supper

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on December 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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Session & Committee Meetings

Session – 11/4 at 7:00pm
Missions – 11/11 at 5:00pm
Congregational Care – 11/13 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

Deck the Halls | 11/24/2-25 | 5:00-7:00pm

Stewardship (10/01/25)

Operational Budget

YTD Received: \$204,111
YTD Expenses: \$220,999
Budget YTD: -\$16,888

Building Fund

Building Need: \$136,179
Building Received: \$124,413
Building YTD: -\$11,766

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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.*

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

Pastor Brad's Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation from November 10 to 24. If you have any needs during this time, please contact a Ruling Elder. Pray for Bill Robertson as he leads the congregation in worship these weeks.

Deck the Halls. Join us on Monday, November 24, from 5:00-7:00pm as we decorate the building for the Advent Season. Come at 5:00pm with your own dinner and enjoy the fellowship of the saints. What better way to start this season!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes! Once again, we will be a drop-off location for our area, and we are excited to see the shoeboxes piled up! The collection week is November 17-24. During the service on November 23, we will pray a dedication prayer over the boxes we have received. We need some assistance on November 23 at 5:00p.m. to prepare the boxes for transportation to Reidsville. If you are able to help, please contact Sue Parker.

Fall Fest. Fall Fest winners are: \$300 cash - Robert Snyder, \$500 cash - Hannah Helms, iPad - Wanda Robertson, Quilt - Bruce Nooe, Ruger Rifle - Keith Owens, and Grandover Weekend - Garland Neblett. Thanks again, FPC, for all your support and hard work that made Fall Fest a great event.

Special Offering Opportunity on November 23, 2025 – Principal Loan Offering. Session asks that we prayerfully consider giving an offering, above and beyond our normal tithings and offerings. You may consider giving donations via our website, in cash/check, or in stocks/bonds. All gifts that are received will be applied directly to the principal of building loans. All donations should be labeled as "Principal Loan Offering." If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad or our Treasurer.

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.