

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

November 9, 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: Galatians 6:14 (Recite in Unison)

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.

# **Introit & Silent Preparation**

\* Call to Worship: Revelation 7:10 & 12

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Congregation: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

\* Prayer of Invocation

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand if you are able.

## \* Congregational Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy



Author: Reginald Heber | Tune: NICAEA | Trinity Hymnal #100

# \* Congregational Song: I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light



## Reading of Scripture: Lamentations 3:19-24

Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 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."

# 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. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen.

# Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 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: Ten Thousand Reasons

## \* 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

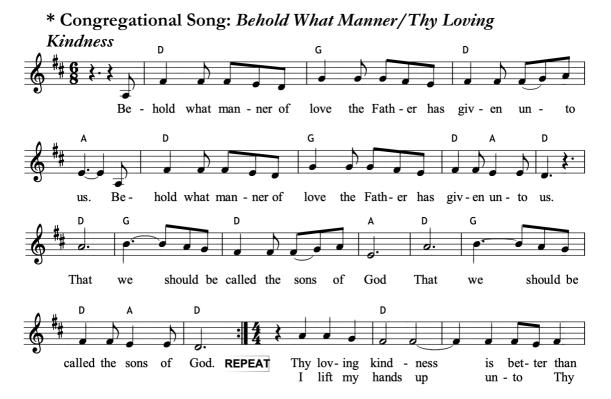
## The Lord's Prayer

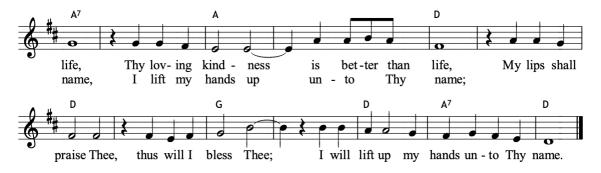
(Recite in Unison)

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\*\*\*





Author: Patricia Van Tine & Mitchell Hugh

# \* Prayer of Illumination

# The Reading & Preaching of God's Word

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-11 – THE SURPASSING WORTH OF CHRIST JESUS

# \* Congregational Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



## \* 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

#### **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 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

#### Staff

Pastor: Rev. Bradley Milks

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### **Contact Information**

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## **Session & Committee Meetings**

Session – 12/2 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 Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

#### **Events**

Deck the Halls | 11/24/2025

## **Stewardship** (10/01/25)

Operational Budget

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

<u>Building Fund</u>

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

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

#### **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**

SESSION CALLS A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 14, 2025, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. The purpose of the meeting is threefold: 1) Elect individuals for the Nominating Committee, 2) Present the 2026 budget, and 3) Present the Pastor's call of terms to be voted upon.

**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.

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 assistance on November 23 at 5:00pm to pack the shoeboxes into cartons, and then on Monday, November 24, at 9:00am, to help with the boxes for transportation to Reidsville. If you are able to help, please contact Sue Parker.

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 making donations via our website, in cash/check, or in the form of 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.