

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

**March 8, 2026**

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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: *John 6:44*.

*(Recite in Unison)*

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

### Introit & Silent Preparation

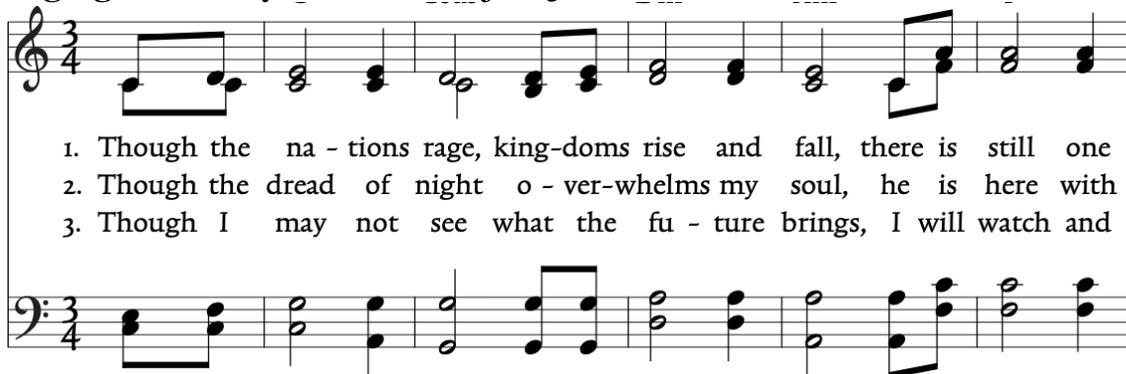
#### \* Call to Worship: *Psalm 148:1*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

#### \* Prayer of Invocation

#### \* Congregational Hymn: *Ancient of Days*



1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is still one  
2. Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, he is here with  
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will watch and

\* Please stand if you are able.

King reign-ing o - ver all. So I will not fear, for this truth re-  
me— I am not a - lone. Oh, his love is sure, and he knows my  
wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com-plete, stand-ing face to

mains: that my God is the An-cient of Days.  
name, for my God is the An-cient of Days. None a - bove him,  
face in the pres-ence of the An-cient of Days.

none be - fore him; all of time in his hands. For his throne, it shall re-

main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will

trust in his name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.

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ANCIENT OF DAYS  
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**\* Congregational Hymn: *Jesus, Strong and Kind***

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.  
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.  
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

No one else can sat - is - fy; I should come to him.  
 No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.  
 No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.  
 And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faith - ful; he will keep us day and night.

We can al - ways run to Je - sus: Je - sus, strong and kind.

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JESUS STRONG AND KIND  
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### Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 5:11-22*

Women are raped in Zion, young women in the towns of Judah. Princes are hung up by their hands; no respect is shown to the elders. Young men are compelled to grind at the mill, and boys stagger under loads of wood. The old men have left the city gate, the young men their music. The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned to mourning. The crown has fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned! For this our heart has become sick, for these things our eyes have grown dim, for Mount Zion which lies desolate; jackals prowl over it. But you, O Lord, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations. Why do you forget us forever, why do you forsake us for so many days? Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old— unless you have utterly rejected us, and you remain exceedingly angry with us.

## **Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin**

*(Recite in Unison)*

Lord, help us to turn and seek you; for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation. Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart, when we confess to you, when we cast ourselves upon you, and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways; and you gently wipe away our tears, and we weep the more for joy; because you, Lord—not man of flesh and blood—but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon: 1 Timothy 1:15–16**

*(Recite in Unison)*

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings**

*Choir: Seek Ye First*

### **\* 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: Psalm 119:75**

I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

## **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 Hymn: *Take My Life*

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

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Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

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flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.
  
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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Henri A. César Malan. 1827

**\* 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.

**\* 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 [jbartley@fpceden.org](mailto:jbartley@fpceden.org)\*\*\**

### Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Billy Shafer
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Tristen Wittman and the 109<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion

### 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

### Operation World – Bermuda

Bermuda is an earthly paradise, and Christianity is a strong part of its heritage. Sadly, the appearance of religion takes priority over genuine spirituality. Pray for revival that brings lifestyles in line with biblical knowledge.

### March Birthdays

- Mar. 1** Charles Carter  
**Mar. 9** Betty Moore  
**Mar. 18** Jessie Southard, Sandy Cates  
**Mar. 20** Wanda Robertson  
**Mar. 26** Chris Carter

*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 April 5, 2025.

### Session

Paul Sasser (2026)  
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)  
Kenny Mabe (2028)  
Everall Peele (2028)  
Bill Robertson (2028)  
Pastor Brad Milks

### Staff

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### Ministries

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

### Stewardship – January 30, 2026

#### Operational Budget

YTD Received \$17,896  
YTD Expenses \$25,060  
Budget YTD -\$7,164

#### Building Fund

Building Need: \$15,131  
Building Received: \$22,599  
Building YTD \$7,468

#### Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, April 5, 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

**Thank You.** Thank you so much for the love gift and the luncheon given in honor of my retirement. You sure do know how to make a girl feel special! I have enjoyed working for FPC for the last 27 years, and I will miss seeing everyone. May God continue to bless each one of you! Love, Beth

**Super Senior Sunday.** On Sunday, March 29, we will celebrate our "Super Seniors." We will have a covered-dish lunch immediately following worship to show our appreciation for you. Those 78 or older do not need to bring anything. We are thankful for these individuals and their service over the years at FPC.

**Bingo Night.** Come enjoy a wonderful night of fun and fellowship on Sunday, March 22, at 5:00pm in the Gathering Area. We will have a hot-dog meal, followed by a rousing game of Bingo. There will be a signup sheet next Sunday with all pertinent information. We have some great prizes, but could also use a few more. If you'd like to donate, gift cards or gift baskets are always welcome. Be sure to sign up today if you intend to attend! Cost for Meal and Bingo: Family \$25, Couples \$20, Individuals \$15. Just meal: \$7, Just Bingo: \$8.

**Missions/Outreach Committee.** The Missions/Outreach Committee will be having its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 4:00pm. Please contact Paul Sasser for information.

**Takai Brown.** If you have gifts for Olivia Brown's son, Takai, please put them in the Parlor. If you give a gift card to Walmart or Amazon, etc, please give to Pat Smith or Doug Brown. Do not leave in the parlor with other items. Olivia could use diapers, bottles, and baby clothes for her little boy. She has plenty of newborn to 1-year items, but needs things for the next stage.

**Easter Lilies.** For a donation of \$15 per flower, Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of remarkable individuals. A list of those being honored and remembered will be included in our bulletin on Sunday, April 20, 2025. Signup sheets for the lilies are on the table near the entrance.

**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.