



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

The Son is equal with the Father. This is what riled the Jews up in John 5:18. Now, Jesus will explain how and why the Son is to be honored as the Father is honored. The Son does all that He sees the Father doing. The Son is not independent from the Father, which includes the giving of eternal life and eternal judgment. It is imperative for us to worship Jesus every Lord's Day, and we must also worship Him every day.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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: *1 John 5:10*

(Recite in Unison)

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Introit & Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship: Psalm 21:13**

Leader: Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!

All: We will sing and praise your power.

*** Prayer of Invocation**

* Please stand if you are able.

* *Come, Christians Join to Sing* – Trinity Hymnal #302

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

** Praise the Name/A Shield About Me*



Praise the Name of Je - sus, Praise the Name of Je - sus.
Praise Your Name, Lord Je - sus, Praise Your Name, Lord Je - sus.



He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De liv - er - er, in
You're my Rock, You're my For tress, You're my De liv - er - er, in



Him will I trust. Praise the Name of Je - - sus.
You will I trust. Praise Your Name, Lord Je - - sus.



Thou, O Lord, art a shield a - bout me. You're my glo - ry, and the



lift - er of my head. Thou, O Lord, art a shield a -



bout me. You're my glo - ry, and the lift - er of my head.



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, You're the



lift - er of my head. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,



Hal - le - lu - jah, You're the lift - er of my head.

Reading of Scripture: *Romans 1:24-32*

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us of you, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.

~ John Wesley

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 103:7-8*

(Recite in Unison)

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: Standing on the Promises

* 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 23:6*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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***

* *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God*



1. The per - fect wis - dom of our God, re - vealed in all
2. The match - less wis - dom of his ways that marks the path
3. Oh, grant me wis - dom from a - bove to pray for peace



the u - ni - verse: all things cre - a - ted by his hand and held to -
of righ - teous - ness; his word a lamp un - to my feet, his Spir - it
and cling to love, and teach me hum - bly to re - ceive the sun and





geth - er at his com-mand. He knows the mys-t'ries of the seas;
 teach-ing and guid-ing me. And oh, the mys-t'ry of the cross,
 rain of your sov'reign - ty. Each strand of sor - row has a place



the se - crets of the stars are his; he guides the plan - ets
 that God should suf - fer for the lost so that the fool might
 with - in this tap - es - try of grace; so through the trials I'll



on their way and turns the earth through an - oth - er day.
 shame the wise, and all the glo - ry might go to Christ!
 choose to say, "Your per - fect will in your per - fect way."



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PERFECT WISDOM
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* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 5:19-24 – HONORING THE SON AS THE FATHER IS HONORED

* *Fairest Lord Jesus* – Trinity Hymnal #170

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

(G) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (B⁷) (E_m)
 Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

(B⁷) (E_m) (A⁷) (D) (G) (B_m) (D⁷) (G) (D) (A⁷) (D) 7
 thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

*** Benediction: *Deuteronomy 1:11***

May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you!

*** 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@jfbceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Billy Shafer
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Tristen Wittman and the 109th 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 – People’s Republic of China

The Three Outer Autonomous Regions: Inner Mongolia (Nei Mongol), Tibet-Xizang, Xinjiang Uyghur. Over 48 million people live here. Only around 6.6% are Christian. Tibet was briefly an independent Buddhist state until 1950, when China invaded. Many Tibetans resist the occupation. The government has destroyed over 6,000 monasteries. More than 1 million people may have died, and another 100,000 Tibetans now live in exile in Nepal, India, and the West. Tibetan Buddhism has a powerful hold on the people. The high places of the Tibetan plateau are known to be a spiritual stronghold, highly resistant to the gospel. The ancient religion (Bon) still has demonic and occult influence. 1,800 monasteries and 46,000 Buddhist monks remain in spite of Communist persecution. After centuries of failed attempts and very little fruit, perhaps just over 3,000 Christians exist among the 5 million ethnic Tibetans in the world.

*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 May 3, 2025.

Session

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

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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 – Thru February

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$29,818
YTD Expenses \$55,031.23
Budget YTD -\$25,213.23

Building Fund

Building Need: \$30,262
Building Received: \$28,934
Building YTD -\$1,328

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, May 3, 2025

NEW TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

We are thankful that you have gathered with us this morning to worship the living triune God, seeing and savoring His glorious grace in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! 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. Session calls for a congregational meeting this morning, immediately following the service. The purpose is twofold: 1) To vote on Carter Combs to be elected for the Ruling Elder Class of 2029, and 2) To vote on the new Mortgage loan.

Pastor Brad Study Week. Pastor Brad will be on his first study week of the year from April 20-26 and will not be in the study.

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.