



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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## IN PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

In Jesus Christ, the last age has come. Some of the spiritually dead have heard the voice of the Son and have come to life. We, those whose hearts have seen and heard the glorious Gospel, live in the light of eternal life. We wait for the promise that on the final day, we will be made like Him. The day of resurrection draws nearer and nearer with each passing 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: *Daniel 12:2*

*(Recite in Unison)*

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

#### Introit & Silent Preparation

##### \* Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-3

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

All: His greatness is unsearchable.

##### \* Prayer of Invocation

\* Please stand if you are able.

\* *Be Thou My Vision* – Trinity Hymnal #642

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.  
 Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.  
 Traditional Irish melody  
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

\* *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* – Trinity Hymnal #629

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

## **Reading of Scripture: *Romans 2:1-11***

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

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

*(Recite in Unison)*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*~ Common Book of Prayer*

## **Assurance of Pardon: *1 John 1:8-9***

*(Recite in Unison)*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings**

*Offertory*

## \* 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: 1 Peter 2:9-11

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

## 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\*\*\*

## \* I Serve a Risen Savior (He Lives) – Sing! Hymnal #840

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'I Serve a Risen Savior (He Lives)'. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the vocal line, with the first staff in treble clef and the second in bass clef. The last two staves are for the piano accompaniment, with the third staff in treble clef and the fourth in bass clef. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior; he's in the world to - day.  
2. In all the world a - round me, I see his lov - ing care;  
3. Re - joice, re-joyce, O Chris - tian! Lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say.  
and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.  
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer;  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,



and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.



He lives, he lives! Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
 He lives, he lives!



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
 He lives, he lives,



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart!

Words & Music: Alfred H. Ackley

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**\* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word**

**The Preaching of God's Word**

JOHN 5:25-29 – THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE & THE RESURRECTION OF JUDGMENT

**\* *The Day of Resurrection* – Trinity Hymnal #267**

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 in - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

John of Damascus, 8th cent.  
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Henry Smart, 1836; alt. 1990

**\* Benediction: 2 Corinthians 9:8**

May God make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**\* 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@jfbceden.org](mailto:jhartley@jfbceden.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 – 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

#### 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 – 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

**Black Tie and Blue Jeans.** Black Tie and Blue Jeans will be held on Saturday, May 2, at 5:00pm. Be sure to reserve your seats for this fantastic event. Call 336-623-5540 to reserve your seat. Preparations for this event will begin tomorrow at 10:00am. If you are available to help set up, the team would appreciate any assistance you can offer.

**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.