

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

The Father sent the Son into the world for a specific mission: to save sinners from their sin. Not only has John the Baptist testified about Jesus, but so has the Father. The religious leaders have missed this incredible reality. In their hardness of hearts, they act just like their forefathers. They have rejected the very voice of God. God has made a way for them to be saved, but their hearts do not have ears to hear.

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 3:15*

(Recite in Unison)

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 81:1-2*

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

All: Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Please stand if you are able.

* *O Worship the King* – Trinity Hymnal #2

1. O wor-ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lip to your praise.

* *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me* – Sing! Hymnal #594



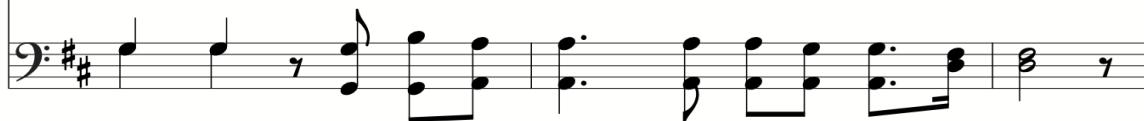
1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er; there is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and
 side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
 joic - ing, for in my need his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is
 To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry



whol-ly bound to his. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can
 val - ley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I
 ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can
 ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my
 sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Reading of Scripture: *Romans 2:12-16*

For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Amen.

~ *Richard Baxter*

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 1:18*

(Recite in Unison)

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: Jesus Saves

* 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: *Psalms 78:4*

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

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.

* *All Glory Be to Christ*



1..Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive un -
2..His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove, who
3..When on the day the Great I AM, the faith - ful and the true, the



less the Lord does build the house, in vain its build - ers strive. To you who boast to -
is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love. Let liv - ing wa - ter
Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new. Be - hold, our God shall

mor- row's gain, tell me, what is your life? A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all
 sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price; we'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all
 live with us and be our stead - fast light. And we shall e'er His peo - ple be, all
 glo - ry be to Christ! All glo - ry be to Christ, our King! All glo - ry be to
 Christ! His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 5:30-38 – BEARING WITNESS OF JESUS

The Lord's Supper

Reading of Scripture and Fencing of the Lord's Table

Silent Preparation to Partake of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda (Lift Your Hearts)

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks.

Leader: Praise, all praise.

All: Unto the Lamb who died.

Leader: Ascended now in glory, forever magnified.

All: Praise, all praise, unto the name of Christ Jesus.

* 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.

* *Joyful, Joyful* – Sing! Hymnal #45



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays;
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus, which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, op-'ning to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign-ing o'er us, draws us through the Son of Man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er— all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 sing-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee!
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri-umph song of life.

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; harm. Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY

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* **Benediction: 2 *Peter 3:18***

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. 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**

PRAYER REQUESTS

****If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at jbartley@fbceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- 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 – Cote d’Ivoire

Pray for the Church of Côte d’Ivoire. The Catholic Church and Methodist Church have the most followers, and while some of them do not practice their faith, each contains many committed believers and a lively charismatic movement. Evangelical churches have grown steadily since the 1990s, even during the conflicts of 2002-2007. Abidjan alone probably has over 3,000 churches now, mostly newer and independent. Nearly every main denomination has at least 1 Bible training institute, and theological education grows. But many Christians do not know or understand the Bible, and churches pursue prosperity teaching, or focus on miracles and healings more than on Christ.

May Birthdays

May 3 Joanna Bragdon

May 7 Dana Blankenship, Elliah Milks

May 8 Nancy Foddrell

May 12 Dorothy Andrews

May 28 Stephanie Hall

May 14 Curt Southard

May 15 Cynthia Smith

May 16 Frank Parker, Darryl Tilley

May 24 Kristin Milks

May 26 Sara Durham

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 June 7.

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 March

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$45,289.37
YTD Expenses \$77,180.06
Budget YTD -\$31,890.69

Building Fund

Building Need: \$45,393
Building Received: \$37,763
Building YTD -\$7,630

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, June 7

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

Pastor Brad Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation starting on Monday, May 11, and will return on Monday, May 18. For emergencies, please contact a Ruling Elder.

Missions/Outreach Meeting. There will be a meeting held on May 13, 2026, at 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Paul Sasser.

Discipleship Opportunities. Are you looking for ways to grow in Christ? Here are the various groups/studies we have:

- Sunday School Classes at 9:00am
- The Pastor's Study at 10:00am on Wednesday
- Prayer Night at 6:30pm on Wednesday
- Men's Small Group at 7:00am on Thursday
- Romans Bible Study at 7:15am on Saturday at Sirloin House

If you are interested in any of these, please contact Pastor Brad for more information.

A Mighty Fortress for the Weary Soul. On May 24, we will begin a 4-week sermon series entitled "A Mighty Fortress for the Weary Soul." The sermons will be on Psalms 46, 88, 61, and 67. The purpose will be to remind us that God is our Mighty Fortress (Psalm 46), even in times of great calamity (Psalm 88), and in those trying times we call out to our Rock (Psalm 61), trusting He will make His face shine upon us (Psalm 67).

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.