

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

May 10, 2026

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IN PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

How easy can it be to read the Scriptures, searching for eternal life, only to miss Jesus? This is the case of the religious leaders in John 5. They have searched the Old Testament, seeking the path to everlasting life, yet they miss who the Scriptures point them to: Jesus, the incarnate Word. If they believed Moses, they would have believed the words of the Lord Jesus. Do you receive and believe the testimony of Scripture that bears witness to Jesus being the true Son of God who alone brings unending life?

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: *Luke 16:31*

(Recite in Unison)

If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 98:2–3

Leader: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Please stand if you are able.

* *How Great Thou Art* – Trinity Hymnal #44

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E \flat (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

F(E) B \flat (A)

how great thou art, how great thou art!

E \flat (D) B \flat (A)

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

Cm 7 (Bm 7) F 7 (E 7) B \flat (A) 7

how great thou art, how great thou art!

* *Christ is All*



I've found a treas - ure that can't be tak - en, I've found a well that won't run
And in the tri - al when storms are rag - ing, tho' tears may fall, my soul will



dry. O world - ly pleas - ure, be now for - sak - en, be - hold what love, what life is
rise. For there's a peace that is mine un - chang - ing, there is a joy that nev - er



mine. Could end - less striv - ing now make me right - eous, could all my works now grant me
dies. When life is pass - ing and strength is fad - ing, I'll see the One that I a -



hope? O hal - le - lu - jah! the blood of Je - sus, my on - ly
dore. Let this world van - ish; oh give me Je - sus, my great de -



plea, my on - ly boast. Christ is all. Christ is all. And my song shall ev - er
sire, my true re - ward.



be: Christ is all, All in all, and my song shall ev - er be, Christ is all.

Matt Boswell/Matt Papa

Reading of Scripture: *Romans 2:17-24*

But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Dear God, I cast myself at the foot of the cross, bewailing my exceeding sinfulness and unprofitableness deeply, most deeply aggravated by the infinity of my mercies. I plead your precious promises, and earnestly pray to you to shed abroad in my heart more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace and joy; in short, to fill me with all the fullness of God, and make me worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Amen.

~ William Wilberforce

Assurance of Pardon: *Luke 24:46-47*

(Recite in Unison)

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: The Cross

*** 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 Chronicles 16:34*

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures 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***

* *You are My All in All*



You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I
Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame; ris - ing a - gain, I bless Your



seek, You are my All in All
name, You are my all in All.



Seek - ing You as a pre - cious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a
When I am down, You pick me up! When I am dry, You fill my



fool, You are my All in All Je sus, Lamb of God, Worth - y is Your
cup! You are my All in All.



Name! Je - sus, Lamb of God, Worth - y is Your Name!


Dennis Jernigan

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

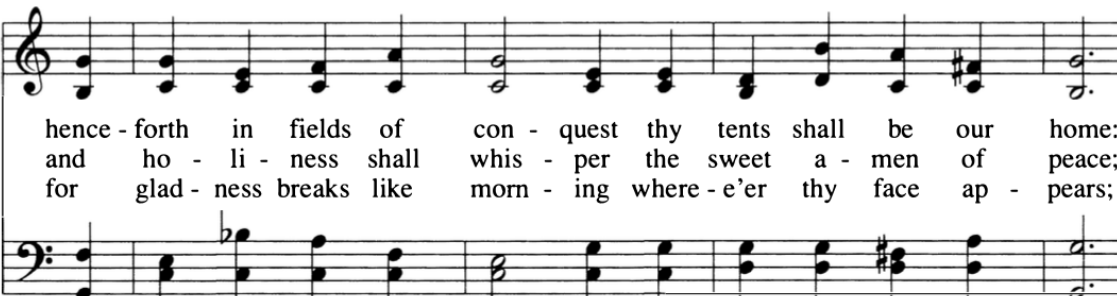
The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 5:39-47 – THE SCRIPTURES AND MOSES POINT TO JESUS


* *Lead On, O King Eternal* – Trinity Hymnal #580



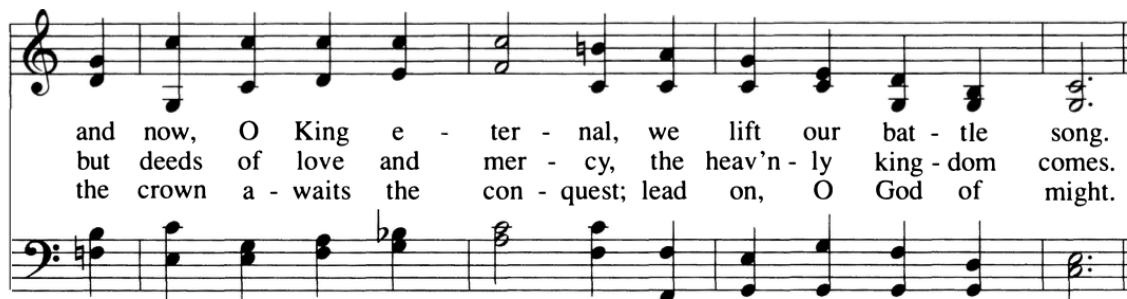
1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry Smart, 1836

*** Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26***

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*** 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@jpcden.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 – Dominica

Practicing Catholics have substantially decreased in recent years, indicating a high degree of nominalism. Pray for those who still adhere to Catholicism and those who have disaffiliated themselves, that the Holy Spirit might speak to their hearts about the reality of the gospel.

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)
Carter Combs (2029)
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

Sign Up for Our Emails

Scan the code with your phone and sign up to receive our emails.



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's Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation starting on Monday, May 11, and will return on Tuesday, May 19. 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.

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).

Meals on Wheels. We are looking for volunteers to help us with the Meals on Wheels ministry. As a church, we are committed to two mornings per month to bring food to those in need. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Sue Parker.

Session. Session will meet on May 19, 2026. If you have any prayer requests you'd like the elders to pray for, please let an elder know before this date.

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.