

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

In all seasons, at all times, and in all cultures, God is the refuge and strength for His people. He is a bulwark for His children's weary hearts. The dark seasons come more often, quicker, and harder than we could ever envision. Within minutes, the Son's beaming rays of joy turned to a darkness so black that your soul could not see anything, let alone the glorious riches, compassion, and tenderness of Christ Jesus. In a moment, God's great throne of grace and mercy appeared to have fled galaxies away. Even so, the Lord our God is our bulwark, always near to our souls.

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: *Psalms 145:18*

(Recite in Unison)

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Revelation 5:12–13*

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

All: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

* Prayer of Invocation

* *Doxology* – Trinity Hymnal #731

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.

* Please stand if you are able.

* *Praise the LORD God, All You Nations* – Trinity Psalter #117B

¹Praise the LORD God, all you na-tions; all you peo-ples, sing his praise.

²For his truth en-dures for-ev-er, and his stead-fast love is great.

He is faith-ful! He is faith-ful! Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise the LORD!

* *A Wonder Savior is Jesus My Lord* – Trinity Hymnal #175

1. A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, a
 2. A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus my Lord, he
 3. With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment he crowns, and
 4. When clothed in his bright - ness, trans - port - ed I rise to

won - der - ful Sav - ior to me; he hid - eth my soul in the
 tak - eth my bur - den a - way; he hold - eth me up, and I
 filled with a full - ness di - vine, I sing in my rap - ture, O
 meet him in clouds of the sky, his per - fect sal - va - tion, his

cleft of the rock, where riv - ers of plea - sure I see.
 shall not be moved, he giv - eth me strength as my day.
 glo - ry to God for such a Re - deem - er as mine!
 won - der - ful love, I'll shout with the mil - lions on high.

He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shad - ows a dry, thirst - y

land; he hid - eth my life in the depths of his love, and cov - ers me

there with his hand, and cov - ers me there with his hand.

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Fanny J. Crosby, 1890

KIRKPATRICK 11.8.11.8.ref.
William J. Kirkpatrick, 1890

Reading of Scripture: *Romans 2:25-29*

For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Almighty and merciful Father, we have remained before you with dead and senseless hearts, unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring goodness. Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you, and with all our longing to desire you. Amen.

~ *Anselm*

Assurance of Pardon: *Revelation 7:13-14*

(Recite in Unison)

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: God Is Our Refuge

* 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.

The Pastoral Prayer: *Jeremiah 6:16*

Thus says the Lord: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

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***

* *In the Shadow of Your Wings*



I will dwell in the sha - dow of Your wings, I will know of the
Safe - ty lies in the sha - dow of Your wings, I re - ly on Your



peace Your love can bring. Night will fall but I will not be a - afraid, when I
faith - ful cov - er - ing. Ar - rows fly but I will not be a - afraid, when I



7
dwell in the sha - dow of Your wings. In the sha - dow, in the
dwell in the sha - dow of Your wings.



10
sha - dow, in the sha - dow of Your wings. In the sha - dow, in the



14
sha - dow, in the sha - dow of Your wings.

Cathy Spurr & Debbie McNeil

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

The Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 46 – GOD, OUR GREAT REFUGE

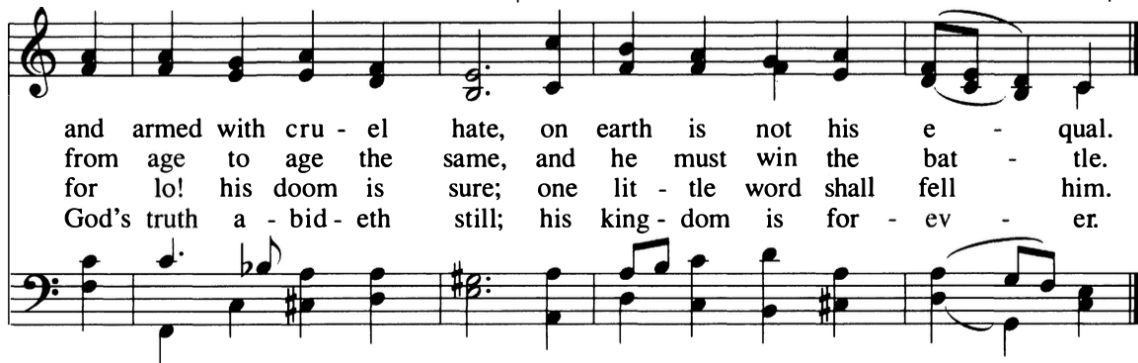
* *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* – Trinity Hymnal #92

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529

*** Benediction: Jude 24-25**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*** Threefold Amen – Trinity Hymnal #740**



A - men, a - men, a - men.

*** Postlude & Dismissal**

DANISH
 Anon.

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
- 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 – France

France stands at a political and economic crossroads. The economy needs radical reforms to prosper in the globalized world. The large immigrant community continues to grow and challenges the traditional understanding of French identity. The majority feel content as individuals, but they do not have much confidence in the future of the Republic, with so many points of tension in their society. Young people especially feel the crisis, and often long for meaning and purpose. These factors, especially the economic frustrations of the working and middle classes, brought about the rise of the Yellow Vest movement and the rise of far right political movements. Pray for both economic justice in France and for Christians to be able to offer French people a hope beyond mere economic respite.

June Birthdays

June 1 Shannon Underwood
June 3 Adalynn Milks
June 5 Glenn Moore
June 6 Merle Gentry
June 19 Stuart Peele
June 20 Hayden Bragdon
June 23 Janice McDaniel
June 24 Gordon Blankenship, Tammy Evans

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 April

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$93,597.15
YTD Expenses \$110,556.36
Budget YTD -\$16,959.21

Building Fund

Building Need: \$55,554.69
Building Received: \$48,640
Building YTD -\$6,914.69

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

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

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.