

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

**June 7, 2026**

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## IN PREPARATION

“Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” That verbiage, though spoken differently in various seasons, is the constant anthem of the believer’s heart. This chorale, a constant reminder that we need to run to Jesus, gives the Christian a hope that only they can experience, for there is no hope in the worldly. As we traverse this world, we have the promise that our Savior loves us, keeps us, and promises to bring us home.

## 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: *Psalm 18:2*

*(Recite in Unison)*

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield,  
and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

### Introit & Silent Preparation

#### \* Call to Worship: *1 Samuel 2:1-2*

Leader: My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because  
I rejoice in your salvation.

All: There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

#### \* 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.

\* *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* – Trinity Hymnal #38

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

\* *God on the Mountain*



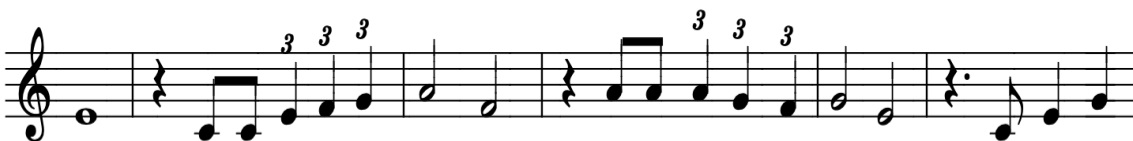
Life is eas - y when you're up on the moun-tain, and you've got  
We talk of faith when we're up on the moun-tain. but talk comes



peace of mind like you've nev - er known; But when things change and  
eas - y when life's at its best; But in the val - ley



you're down in the val - ley, don't lose faith for you're nev - er a -  
of trials and temp - ta - tions, that's when faith is real - ly put to the



lone. And the God on the moun- tain is still God in the val-ley. When things go  
test.



wrong, He'll make them right. And the God in the good times



is still God in the bad times. The God of the day is still God of the night.

## **Reading of Scripture: *Romans 3:9-20***

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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

*(Recite in Unison)*

Almighty and most merciful Father, you hate nothing that you have made, nor desire the death of a sinner—look down with mercy upon me, and grant that I may turn from my wickedness and live. Forgive the days and years which I have passed in folly, idleness, and sin. Fill me with such sorrow for the time misspent, that I may amend my life according to your holy Word. Amen.

~ *Samuel Johnson*

## **Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 51:9-10***

*(Recite in Unison)*

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings**

*Choir: I Set My Hope on Jesus*

## **\* 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: *1 Corinthians 10:1-4***

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.


## **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.

## Reception of New Members/Recognition of Senior Graduate

### \* *Count Your Blessings*



When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest tossed,  
Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care?  
When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,  
So a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



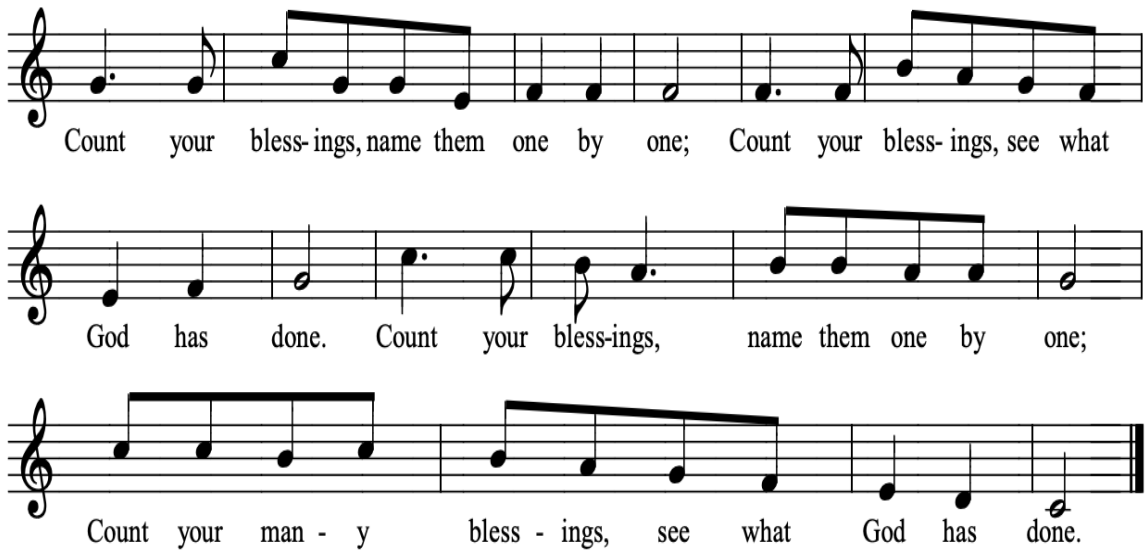
when you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost;  
Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?  
think that Christ has prom - ised you His wealth un - told.  
do not be dis - cour - aged: God is ov - er all.



Count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one,  
Count your man - y bless - ings, ev - 'ry doubt will fly,  
Count your man - y bless - ings: Mon - ey can - not buy  
Count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels will at - tend,



and it will sur - prise you what the Lord has done.  
and you will be sing - ing as the days go by.  
your re - ward in heav - en nor your home on high.  
help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.



Count your bless-ings, name them one by one; Count your bless-ings, see what  
 God has done. Count your bless-ings, name them one by one;  
 Count your man - y bless - ings, see what God has done.

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

**The Preaching of God's Word**

PSALM 61 – LEAD ME TO CHRIST THE ROCK

**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.

## \* *Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise)* – Sing! Hymnal #606



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood:
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun-tains o - pened deep and wide.
3. On the morn of res - ur - rec - tion, mer - cy filled the thirst - y grave;
4. Oh, this love, vast love of Je - sus, bids us come and drink and live.



when the Prince of Life, our ran-som, shed for us his pre-cious blood.  
Through the flood-gates of God's mer-cy flowed a vast and gra-cious tide.  
where the stone of death burst o - pen, springs of life flowed un - re - strained.  
To this wear - y world of long-ing, what more could our Sav-ior give?



Who his love will not re-mem-ber? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
 Grace and love, like might-y riv - ers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove.  
 Love no heart could ev - er mea - sure, joy no sor - rows will out - run,  
 Now to Christ who ful - ly loved us, and who freed us from our sin,

He can nev - er be for - got - ten through-out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
 Heav-en's peace and per-fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.  
 rush up - on the soul be - liev - ing in the ris - en, reign - ing Son.  
 be all glo - ry and do - min - ion, ev - er - last - ing praise to him.

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**\* Benediction: Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen.

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

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

DANISH  
 Anon.

**\* 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@fpceden.org](mailto:jhartley@fpceden.org)\*\*\**

### Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Gloria Shropshire
- 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 – Guadeloupe

The protests, strike, and riots back in 2009 were the largest in Guadeloupe's history and pointed to deep dissatisfaction with its relationship to France. Many feel like second-class citizens in a cul-de-sac of poverty, resentful of the continued colonial dynamic with France and its rich white scions living on the islands. Though a settlement was based around increased wages for tens of thousands, the deeper issues of autonomy and identity will continue to simmer. Historic (and justifiable) mistrust of the French government's health policies re-emerged in 2021-2022 with violent protests against France's vaccine requirements. Pray for wisdom for both France and Guadeloupe's leaders to handle these issues in peaceful ways that bring genuine long-term benefit to the people.

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Question & Answer #2

Question: How many things are necessary for you to know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Answer: Three things: first, the greatness of my sin and misery; second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

## 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

### Staff

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Congregational Life: Pat Smith

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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

**Block Party!** The Missions and Outreach Committee is thrilled to announce that we will have a block party on Saturday, August 1, from 4:00-8:00pm. Our desire is to reach the apartment complexes behind our property; to show them we love them, and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. We will have more details coming in the near future, but for now, put aside this date!

**July Discipleship Nights.** We are excited to once again provide Wednesday evening discipleship nights during the month of July. We will provide more information in June. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer Shafer.

**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.