



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

Who is Jesus? This is the ultimate question that every person must ask. Furthermore, there is no getting around this question, for we will either answer this honestly in this life or on the day of judgment. As Jesus walks over the water, He is not merely bringing relief to His frightened disciples, though He certainly alleviates their fears. He is revealing that He is the Sovereign Creator over nature. Jesus is the great I AM.

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 89:9*

(Recite in Unison)

You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 18:1-3*

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength. 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.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

* 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.

* *Holy, Holy, Holy!* – Trinity Hymnal #100

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

* *How Great Is Our God* – Sing! Hymnal #46



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;



Let all the earth re-joice, all the earth re-joice. He wraps Him-self in light,
 Be - gin-ning and the End, Be-gin-ning and the End. The God-head, three in one,



and dark-ness tries to hide, and trem-bles at His voice, and trem-bles at His voice.
 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

CHORUS



How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!



And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And



Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise. My

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heart will sing: How great is our God! is our God!

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How great

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Reading of Scripture: *Romans 4:1-12*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, seeing you are our Maker, and we are the workmanship of your hands; seeing you are our Pastor, and we your flock; seeing also that you are our Redeemer, and we are the people whom you have bought; finally, because you are our God, and we are your chosen inheritance—let not your anger be kindled against us, that you should punish us in your wrath, neither remember our wickedness so as to take vengeance for it, but rather chastise us according to your mercy. Amen.

~ *Middelburg Liturgy*

Assurance of Pardon: *Zephaniah 3:14-15*

(Recite in Unison)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: How Can I Keep From Singing?

* 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.

* Responsive Reading: *Psalms 2*

The Pastor's Prayer

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 Love You, Lord* – Sing! Hymnal #52



The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: "I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship You, O my".

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soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear: May it be a

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C G/B Am11 D Em/D D7 G C/G G

sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 6:16-21 – JESUS, THE GREAT I AM, SOVEREIGNLY RULES OVER HIS CREATION

*** Blessed Assurance – Trinity Hymnal #693**

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

E A D G D

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove,
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9.ref.
 Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

*** Benediction: *Ephesians 3:17-19***

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

* *Threefold Amen* – Trinity Hymnal #740

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Threefold Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a series of chords and single notes, with a long note in the final measure of the treble staff.

* **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
- Gloria Shropshire
- 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 – India

Gujarat remains a place of religious tension and persecution. The state government and the police support Hindu militant groups that intimidate Muslims and Christians in Dalit and tribal groups. Gujarat was the birthplace of the leader Gandhi. Pray for the peace and tolerance he promoted to become a reality here! Religious oppression at times prevents Christian outreach, and creates division among believers. But persecution sometimes brings new life and revival. Pray for labourers to the unreached, especially The Jains. The Saurashtra (peninsula that reaches into the Arabian Sea) has over 1 million Jains. Ahmadabad is a major Jain centre, with over 100 temples and little Christian work.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #5

Question: Can you keep all this perfectly?

Answer: No, for I am by nature inclined to hate God and my neighbor.

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 July 5.

Session

Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)
Kenny Mabe (2028)
Everall Peele (2028)
Bill Robertson (2028)
Carter Combs (2029)
Pastor Brad Milks

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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

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 May

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$113,430.18
YTD Expenses \$130,551.78
Budget YTD -\$17,121.60

Building Fund

Building Need: \$60,071.10
Building Received: \$51,187.60
Building YTD -\$8,883.50

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, July 5

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.

Supplies Needed: 1. Name-brand drinks & bottled water, 2. Desserts that are placed in individual baggies, 3. Chips, 4. EZ pop-up canopy/tents, and 5. School Supplies (Zippered pouch pencil bags, Glue sticks, Wide/College ruled notebook paper, black ink pens, highlighters, 16 or 24 count Crayons, 2 pocket folders, Hand sanitizers, Kleenex, Child-sized blunt end scissors, and Clorox wipes. If you would like to contribute monetarily, please designate "Mission Fund" in your donation. Volunteers are needed for setup, during the event, and for the teardown. For more information, please contact Paul Sasser.

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

Childs Family Visit. We are excited to announce that the Childs family will be visiting us the first weekend of August during the Block Party and Public Worship. During the Sunday School hour, they will give the church an update on their ministry in Pakistan. We will also have a covered-dish lunch afterward, so you can get to know them better (Ben, Ellie, and their 5 children!) and encourage them. Make sure you set aside August 2, 2026, for this special occasion.

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.