

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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## IN PREPARATION

“Taste and see that the LORD is good!” is David’s command in Psalm 34. Each day, we eat food that sustains our bodies, yet it is earthly and temporary. Our souls need everlasting food whereby our sins are forgiven, our broken relationship with God Almighty is reconciled, and we receive endless joy. This type of provision does not come from fruits, nor does it come from within us, nor does it come from the world. This nourishment can only be found in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the true Bread of 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: *1 Peter 2:2-3*

*(Recite in Unison)*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

#### Introit & Silent Preparation

##### \* Call to Worship: *Psalms 95:1-2*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

##### \* 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 to the Lord, the Almighty* – Trinity Hymnal #53

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

\* *Before the Throne of God Above* – Sing! Hymnal #121

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less

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per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ev - er  
 guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there who made an  
 Right - teous - ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of

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lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on his hands;  
 end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died,  
 glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self I can - not die;

D/F# G Bm Bm/A

my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that  
 my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God the  
 my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is

while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
 Just is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don  
 hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 me; to look on him and par - don me.  
 God; with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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BEFORE THE THRONE  
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### Reading of Scripture: *Romans 4:13-15*

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

### Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

*(Recite in Unison)*

O Father, receive again the thing which you have created. O Son, receive the thing which you have governed. O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved. Three persons and one very God, I entreat you: remember not my offenses forever. For I cry, Lord God and Father, *mercy*. Lord God Son, *mercy*. Lord God Holy Spirit, *mercy*. Amen.

~ Martin Luther

### Assurance of Pardon: *Galatians 6:14-16*

*(Recite in Unison)*

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

## Giving of Tithing/Offerings & Offertory

### \* 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: *Psalm 3*

#### 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.

### \* All Glory Be to Christ – Sing! Hymnal #217

1. Should noth-ing of our ef-forts stand, no leg-a-cy sur-vive;  
2. His will be done, his king-dom come, on earth as is a-bove;  
3. When on the day the great I AM, the Faith-ful and the True;

un-less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build-ers strive.  
who is him-self our dai-ly bread, praise him the Lord of love.  
the Lamb, who was for sin-ners slain, is mak-ing all things new,

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me, what is your life?  
 Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price;  
 be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!  
 we'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!  
 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!

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

**The Preaching of God's Word**

JOHN 6:22-40 – JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

# 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)*

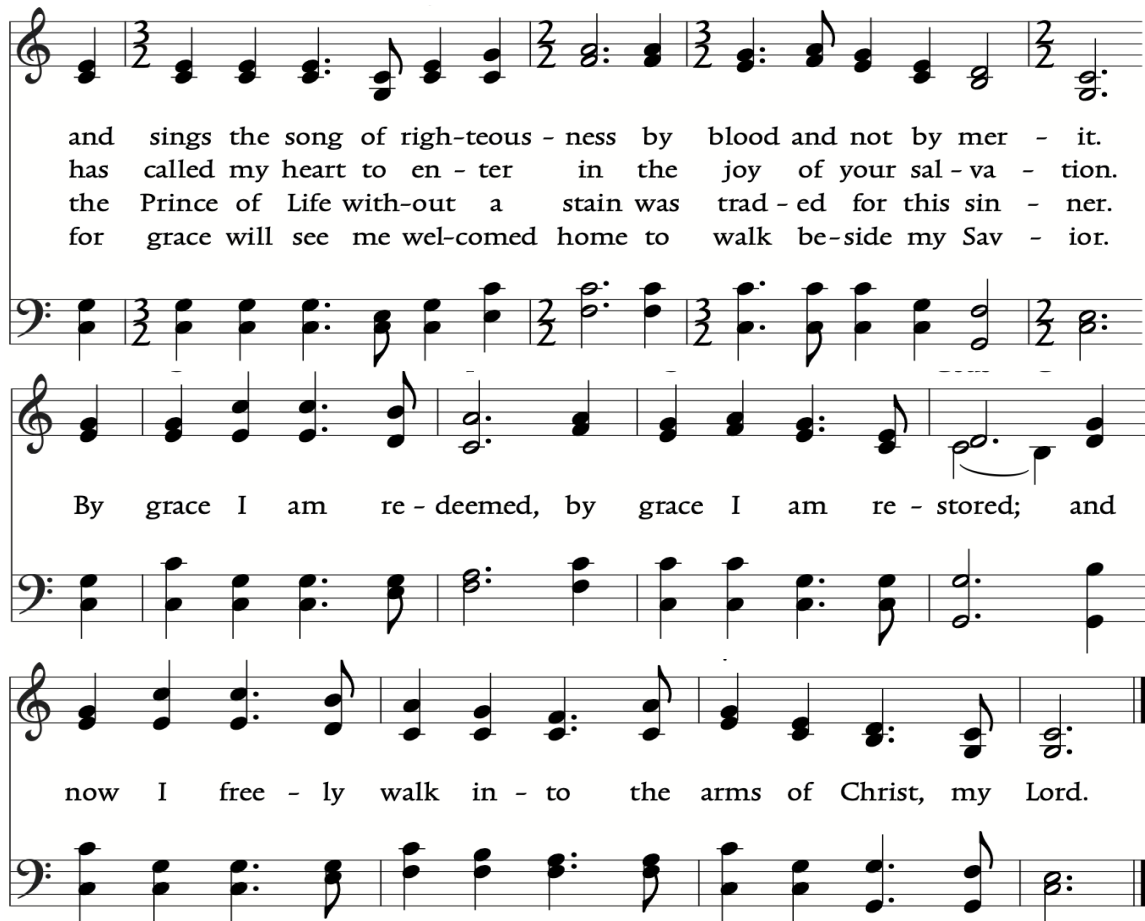
I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

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.

### \* Grace – Sing! Hymnal #148

1. Your grace, that leads the sin-ner home from death to life for-ev - er  
2. Your grace, that reach-es far and wide to ev-'ry tribe and na - tion,  
3. Your grace that I can-not ex - plain, not by my earth-ly wis - dom:  
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow, my song re-sound for-ev - er;



and sings the song of righ-teous - ness by blood and not by mer - it.  
 has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of your sal - va - tion.  
 the Prince of Life with-out a stain was trad - ed for this sin - ner.  
 for grace will see me wel-comed home to walk be-side my Sav - ior.

By grace I am re - deemed, by grace I am re - stored; and

now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

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RESTORING GRACE  
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**\* Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**\* 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 [jbartley@fpcden.org](mailto:jbartley@fpcden.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 – Indonesia

Millions of Indonesians need a new place to live. Pray that Christians might show the love of Jesus to these displaced peoples.

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Question & Answer #6

Question: Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

Answer: No, on the contrary, God created man good and in His own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness; that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify Him.

*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

### Staff

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### Committee Leaders

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### Ministries

Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am  
Public Worship | Sunday 10:00am  
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm  
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm  
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am

### 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. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00pm for food, fellowship, and growth.

**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.