

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

July 12, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” These are the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 11:28. Jesus, as the Bread of Life who has come down from heaven, gives true satisfaction to the mind, heart, and soul. He, and He alone, is the true Exodus who leads His people into pools of grace, whereby they experience life, both now and forever. Come, eat of the Bread of Life and live forever.

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 34:8*

(Recite in Unison)

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalms 147:1*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

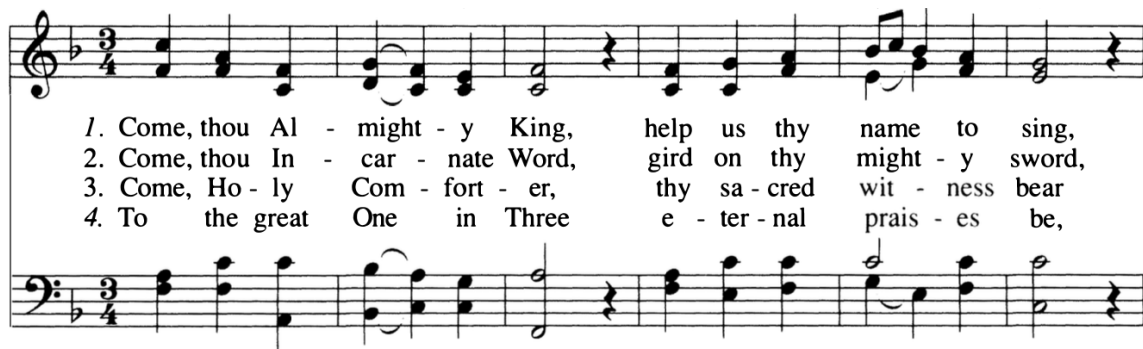
* Prayer of Invocation

* *Doxology* – Trinity Hymnal #731

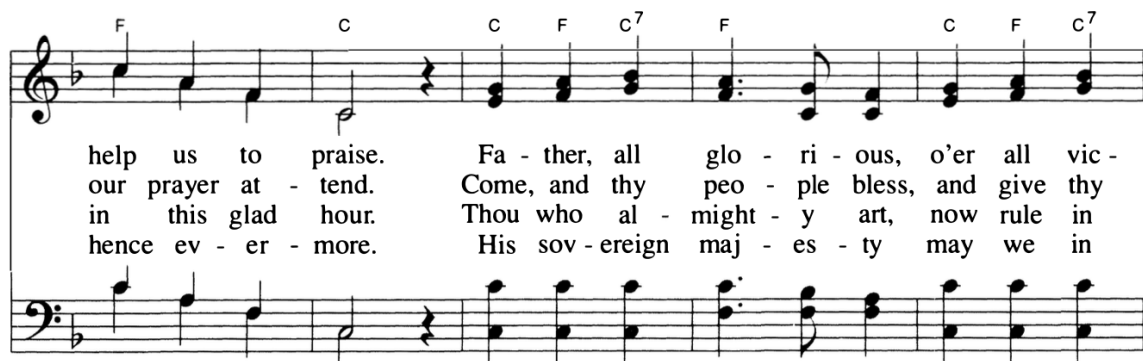
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

* *Come, Thou Almighty King!* – Trinity Hymnal #101



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

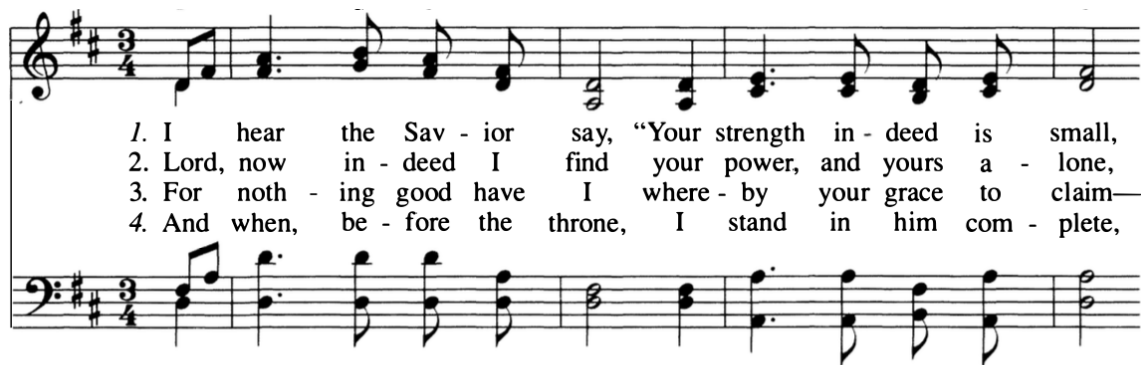


help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

** Jesus Paid it All – Trinity Hymnal #46*



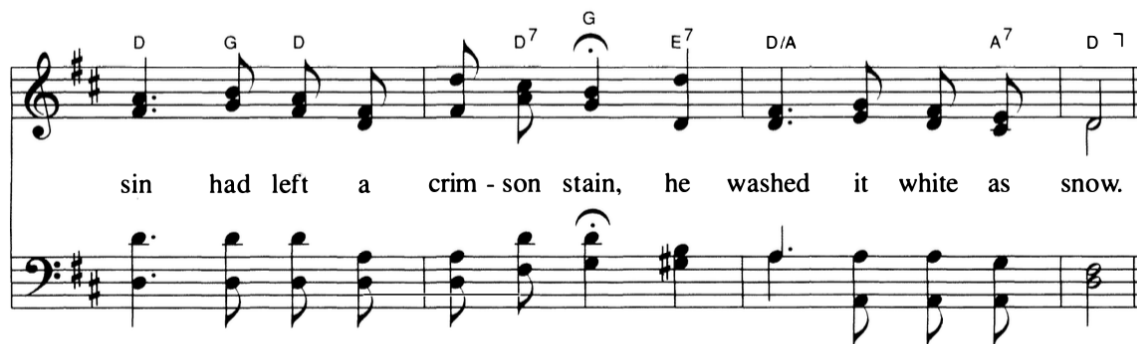
1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
 can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.



REFRAIN
 Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Reading of Scripture: *Romans 4:16-24*

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Father, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace; enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Anselm

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

(Recite in Unison)

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

*** 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 4***

The Pastor’s Prayer

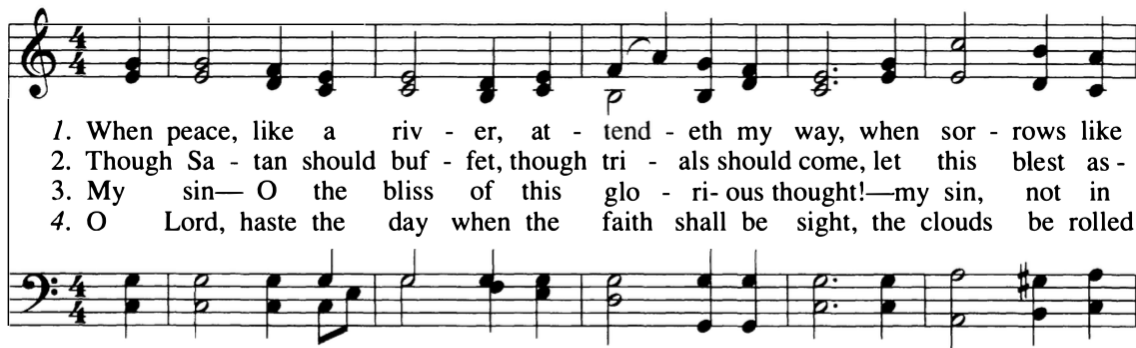
The Lord's Prayer

(Recite in Unison)

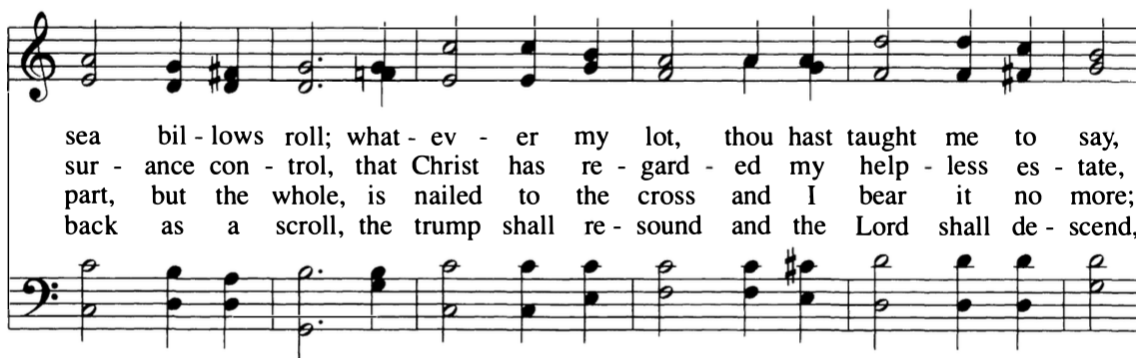
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Children's Sermon

* *It Is Well with My Soul* – Trinity Hymnal #691



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



REFRAIN
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9.ref.
Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 6:41-51 – JESUS IS THE TRUE EXODUS WHO REDEEMS THE EXILES

* *Christ is Mine Forevermore* – Sing! Hymnal #601

1. Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with him.
2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row, dark-ness not yet un-der-stood.
3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger, pil-grim on a nar-row way.

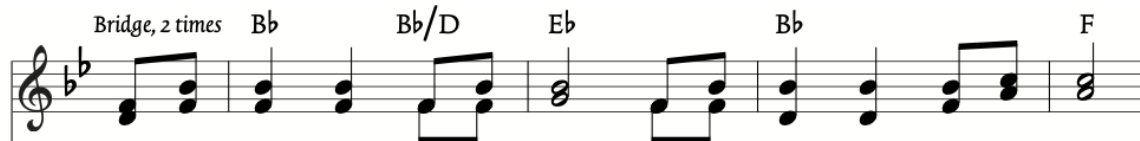
Yet I look for world-ly trea-sure and for-sake the King of kings.
Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly good.
One with Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for his name.



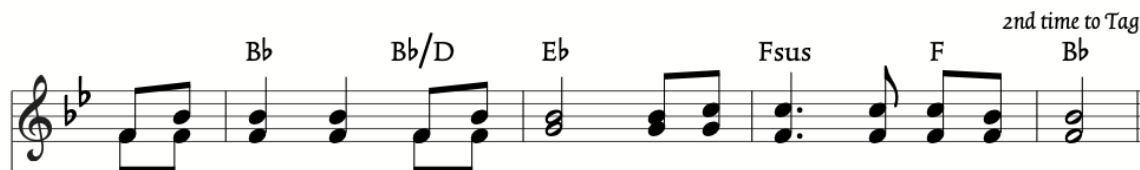
But mine is hope in my Re-deem - er; though I fall, his love is sure.
But mine is peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war.
Tag: And mine are keys to Zi - on's cit - y where be - side the King I walk.



For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am his for - ev - er - more.
I know my pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com-pletes his work in me.
And he has said he will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold-en shore.
For there my heart has found its treas - ure: Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



Come re - joice now, O my soul, for his love is my re - ward.



Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



*** Benediction: *Revelation 1:4-5***

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

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

A musical score for the hymn 'Threefold Amen' from the Trinity Hymnal #740. The score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the words 'A - men, a - men, a - - - men.' written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

*** 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 jhartley@fpceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Everall & 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 – Iran

The 1979 Islamic Revolution promised peace and prosperity, but more than 40 years later, we may be witnessing the collapse of the regime. Widespread protests in 2022 and 2026 demonstrated that the younger generation is fed up with the legacy of oppression, bloodshed, cruel ‘justice’, corruption, economic hardship, and cultural isolation from most of the world. Despite external religiosity, drug addiction, and prostitution are widespread. Iran is an ancient, noble, and proud civilization. But in the modern era, these struggles have made many people very open to the gospel. Many others are turning to atheism or to Iran's ancient religion, Zoroastrianism. Pray that Iranians’ desires for greatness, prosperity, freedom, and even for righteousness might ultimately be met through worship of Jesus.

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 August 2.

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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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, August 2

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.

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.