

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

July 19, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

The greatest joy we will ever have is being in covenant with the Lord. We can only be in covenant with Him because of the substitutionary work of Jesus. We must never forget about the work of Christ Jesus on the cross. We must continually remind ourselves that Jesus freely and voluntarily gave His life as a sacrifice so that we would have life everlasting. Do we understand what happened at the cross, and do we give thanks to God for saving us from sin, condemnation, and eternal damnation? Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia, Amen!

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: 2 John 9

(Recite in Unison)

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

Introit & Silent Preparation

*** Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 32:3-4**

Leader: For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!

All: “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

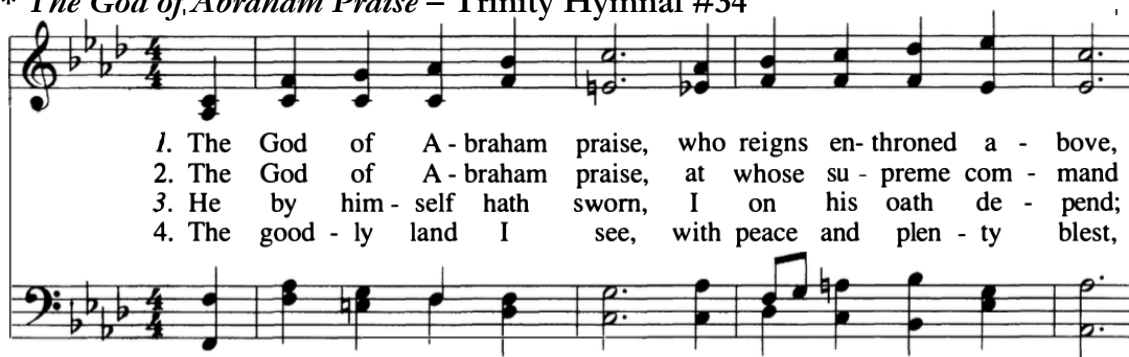
*** Prayer of Invocation**

*** Doxology – Trinity Hymnal #731**

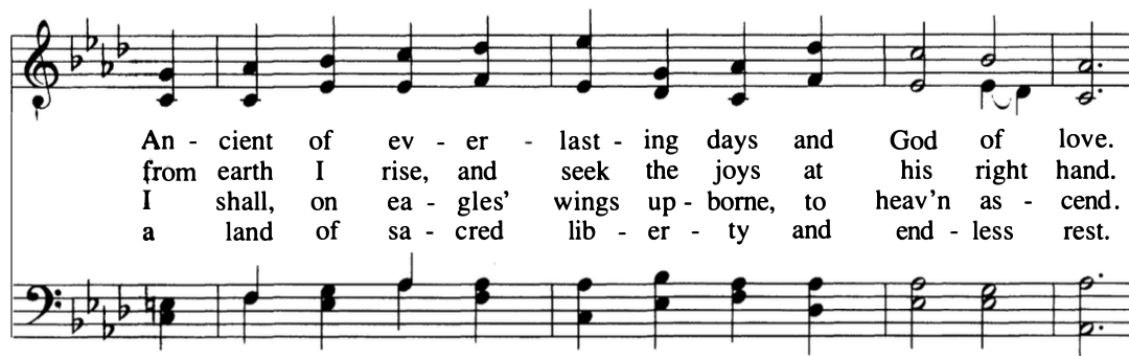
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Please stand if you are able.**

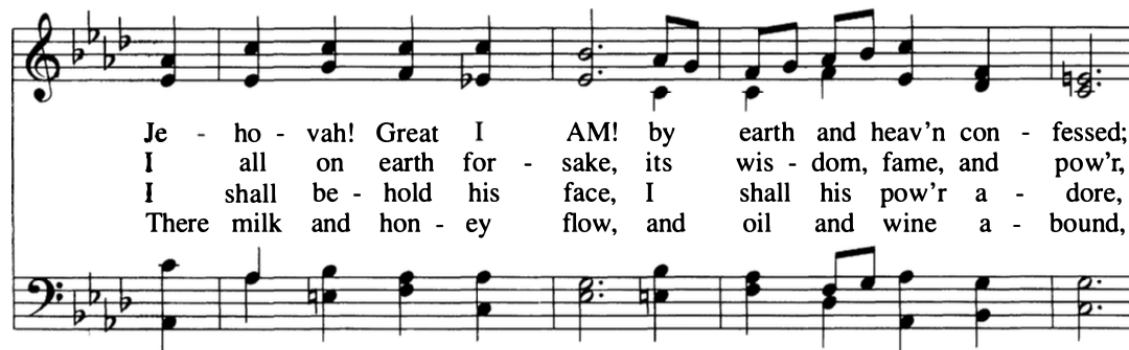
* *The God of Abraham Praise* – Trinity Hymnal #34



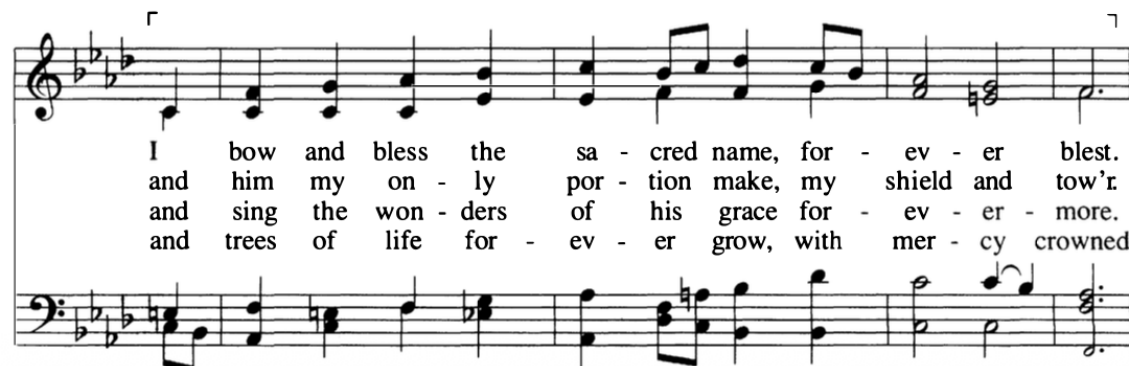
1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers, 1770

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Jewish melody
Arr. by Meyer Lyon, 1770

** Jesus, Strong and Kind – Sing! Hymnal #46*

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

No one else can sat - is - fy; I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

For the Lord is good and faith - ful; he will keep us day and night.



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JESUS STRONG AND KIND
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Reading of Scripture: *Romans 5:1-5*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is the truth; namely, that if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayer before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. Amen.

~ Peter Dathenus

Assurance of Pardon: *Matthew 1:20-21*

(Recite in Unison)

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

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: *Psalm 5:1-8***

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

*** *The Church's One Foundation* – Sing! Hymnal #466**



1. The church-'s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
4. Though with a scorn - ful won - der, men see her sore op - pressed,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won;

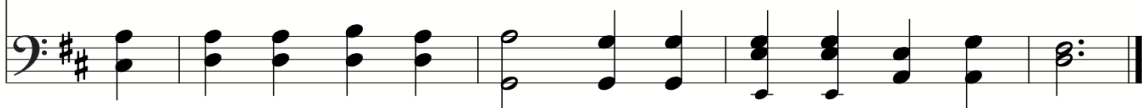




From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord give us grace that we,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song!
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.



Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 6:52-59 – COME, FEAST UPON JESUS CHRIST

* *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery* – Sing! Hymnal #180

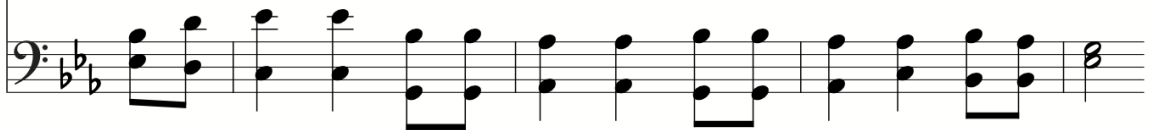


1. Come, be- hold the won-drous mys- t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be- hold the won-drous mys- t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be- hold the won-drous mys- t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be- hold the won-drous mys- t'ry, slain by death the God of life.





He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.
In his liv-ing, in his suf-f'ring, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.
But no grave could e'er re-strain him; praise the Lord; he is a-live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.
What a fore-taste of de-liv'-rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope:



Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.
Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-measured, love un-told.
Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when he comes.



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WONDROUS MYSTERY
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*** 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' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass clef). The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - - - men.' are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

*** 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 – Iraq

The emergence of Iraqi Arab evangelicals in recent years (now over 50,000) is an answer to prayer! Many of them come from Muslim and even extremist backgrounds, but they encountered Christ through evangelical witness, gospel radio, and especially through dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray for leaders for the churches. Many fled the country and others died, often targeted by Islamists. Many times the Christian widows of these leaders continue with the pastoral and discipleship work.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #7

Question: From where, then, did man's depraved nature come from?

Answer: From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise (Genesis 3; Rom. 5:12, 18–19), whereby our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin (Ps. 51:5).

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.