

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

In John 6, the crowd, or “the Jews,” reveal their hard hearts towards Jesus as He speaks to the reality that He is the Bread of Life. He has with clarity claimed, “I AM.” Self-disclosed revelation that He is Yahweh incarnate. As the crowd rejects Jesus, we would expect that He would be welcomed by His disciples, but that is not the case. We will see in our passage that “many of his disciples turned back.” Here is a call to search our own hearts, as we can be easily self-deceived: “Am I like these disciples and Judas, or am I like the Eleven who will faithfully follow Christ Jesus all the days of my 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: *Colossians 3:4*

(Recite in Unison)

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalms 9:1-2*

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

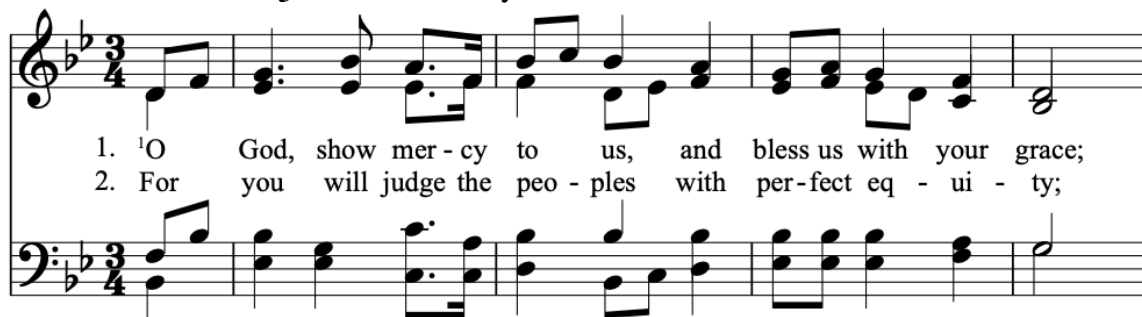
* Prayer of Invocation

* *Doxology* – Trinity Hymnal #731

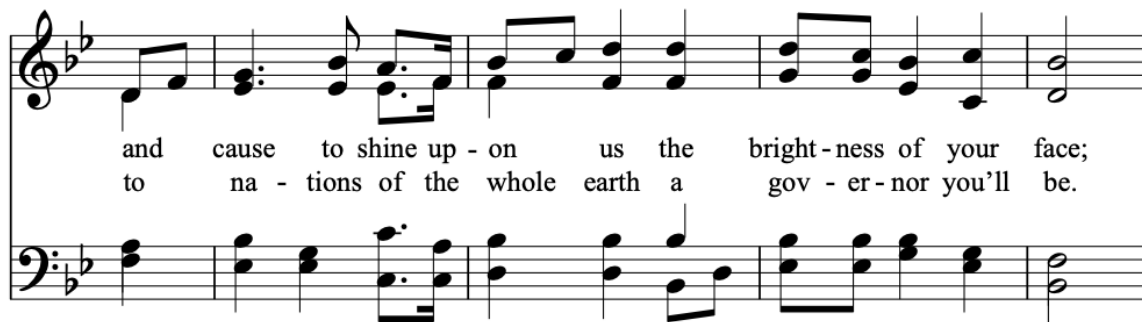
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

* *O God, Show Mercy to Us* – Trinity Psalter #67B



1. ¹O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your grace;
2. For you will judge the peo - ples with per - fect eq - ui - ty;



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
to na - tions of the whole earth a gov - er - nor you'll be.



²so that the whole world o - ver may tru - ly know your way,
⁵O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.



and so that your sal - va - tion all na - tions see dis - played.
⁶The earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest days



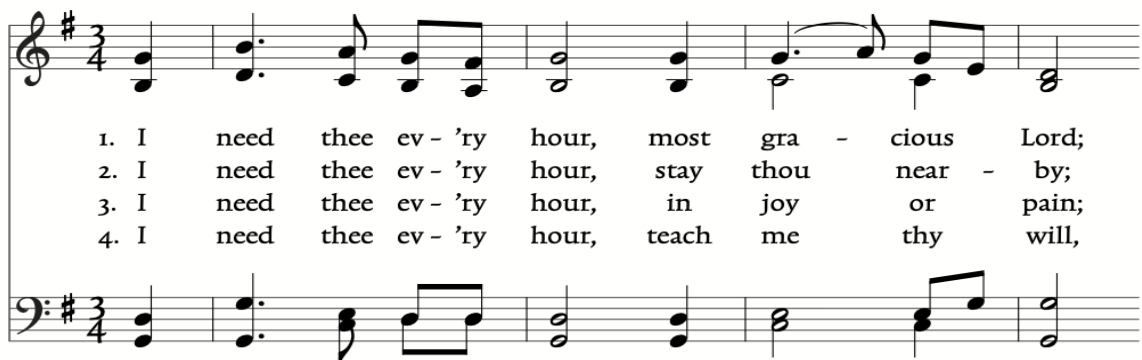
³O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.
since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes, God will bless - ing send,

⁴Let na - tions come re - joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
that all the earth may fear him to its re - mot - est end.

The Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009

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Gustav Holst, 1918
Text/tune pairing, Brian E. Coombs, 2003
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*** *I Need Thee Every Hour* – Sing! Hymnal #619**



1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, stay thou near - by;
3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me thy will,

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
thy prom - is - es so rich in me ful - fill.

I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee!

Oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872

Music: Robert Lowry, 1872

NEED

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Reading of Scripture: *Romans 5:6-11*

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, my Lord and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ *Zacharias Ursinus*

Assurance of Pardon: *Hebrews 4:15-16*

(Recite in Unison)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 5:9-11***

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

* *How Firm a Foundation* – Sing! Hymnal #294

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God— I will still give thee aid.
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress."
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Words: K. in Rippon's Selection, 1787

Music: A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832; harm. L. C. Everett, 1859

FOUNDATION

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 6:60-71 – CHRIST HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

* *There is One Gospel* – Sing! Hymnal #471

1. There is one gos - pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni -
2. There is one gos - pel to which I cling, all else I count as
3. There is one gos - pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still
4. And in this gos - pel, the church is one; we do not walk a -

ty. It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the
loss. For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, he
speaks. For death could not keep my Sav - ior down, he
lone. We have his Spir - it as we press on to

Son has res - cued me. Oh, what a gos - pel, oh, what a peace:
saved me on the cross. No more I boast in what I can bring,
lives and I am free. Now on my Sav - ior I fix my eyes,
lead us safe - ly home. And when in glo - ry still I will sing

my high - est joy and my deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, he
no more I car - ry the weight of sin. For he has brought me from
my life is his and his hope is mine. For he has prom - ised I,
of this old sto - ry that res - cued me. Praise to my Sav - ior, the

is my light. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
 death to life. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
 too, will rise. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.
 King of life. I stand in the gos-pel of Je - sus Christ.

Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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ONE GOSPEL
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*** Benediction: *Psalms* 67:1**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

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

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

*** 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 – Japan

Spiritual powers and principalities in Japan hinder the gospel. The powers associated with idolatry in temples and ancestor worship in homes remain strong. Many Japanese claim no religion, but actually follow some rituals of Buddhism and Shintoism. Even the idea of a Creator God is foreign to the Japanese worldview. Many new religions get started in Japan each year, often based on Buddhism, but also on the occult, the worship of extra-terrestrial aliens, and other strange ideas. Ask God to remove the spirit of delusion!

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #8

Question: But are we so depraved that we are completely incapable of any good and prone to all evil?

Answer: Yes (John 3:6; Gen. 6:5; Job. 14:4; Isa. 53:6), unless we are born again by the Spirit of God (John 3:5).

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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August Birthdays

Aug. 1 Bill Putnam
Aug. 4 Owen Bragdon
Aug. 21 Brad Milks
Aug. 23 Daniel Boyd

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 June

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$133,717.53
YTD Expenses \$149,314.50
Budget YTD -\$15,596.97

Building Fund

Building Need: \$75,582
Building Received: \$60,071.10
Building YTD -\$15,510.90

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.