

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

August 2, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

Thus far in John's Gospel, Jesus is a polarizing figure. The Jews, and their leaders, have complained about Him, argued with Him, and were seeking to kill Him. However, like the woman at the well and the royal official, there are those of Gentile descent who encounter Jesus and gladly receive Him. As Jesus will make clear, it is not His time; therefore, the world hates Him. The world is actively, not passively, against God and His Son, Jesus. Likewise, the world hates all those who belong to Him. Regardless, we have the hope of being secure in Christ forever, even if the world hates Him and us.

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: *John 15:18-19*

(Recite in Unison)

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalms 117*

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

All: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

* 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.

* *Crown Him with Many Crowns* – Trinity Psalter Hymnal #380

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

* Spirit Song

1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His
 2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with

4 Bm Em7 A G/A A D A/E D/F#

love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him
 joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him

9 G A7 F#m7 Bm Em7

have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, will de - scend up - on your
 all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll en - ter in - to

CHORUS

14 A G/A A7 D G A7/G F#m7 Bm7

life and make you whole. Je - sus, oh Je - sus,
 life in Je - sus' name.

21 Em7 A D G A7/G F#m7

come and fill Your lambs. Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm7 Em7 A A7 G/A D

sus, come and fill Your lambs.

Words and Music by
John Wimber

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power I am sustained, and by whose mercy I am spared—look down upon me with pity. Forgive me that I have until now so much neglected the duty which you have assigned to me, and suffered the days and hours of which I must give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish your will. Grant me, therefore, so to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from you, and pass the time which you shall yet allow me in diligent performance of your commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Samuel Johnson

Assurance of Pardon: *Exodus 34:6-7a*

(Recite in Unison)

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

Giving of Tithings & Offerings

Choir: He Touched Me

* 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.

Prayer for the Childs Family

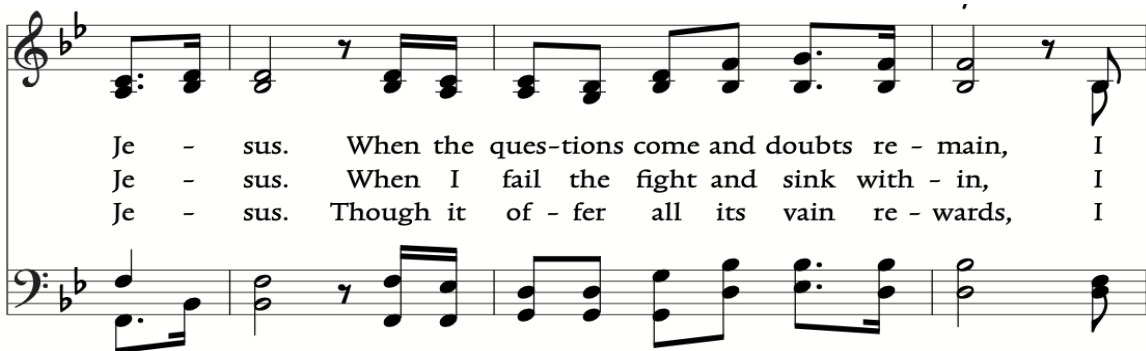
The Lord's Prayer

(Recite in Unison)

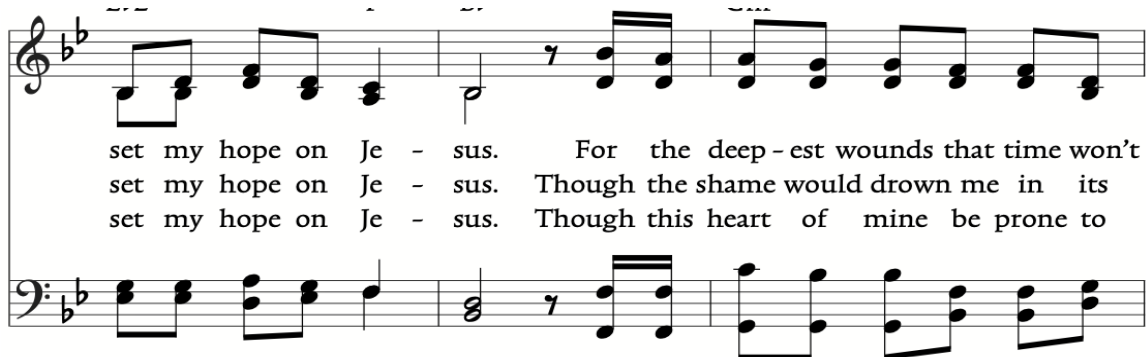
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and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

* *I Set My Hope on Jesus* – Sing! Hymnal #616

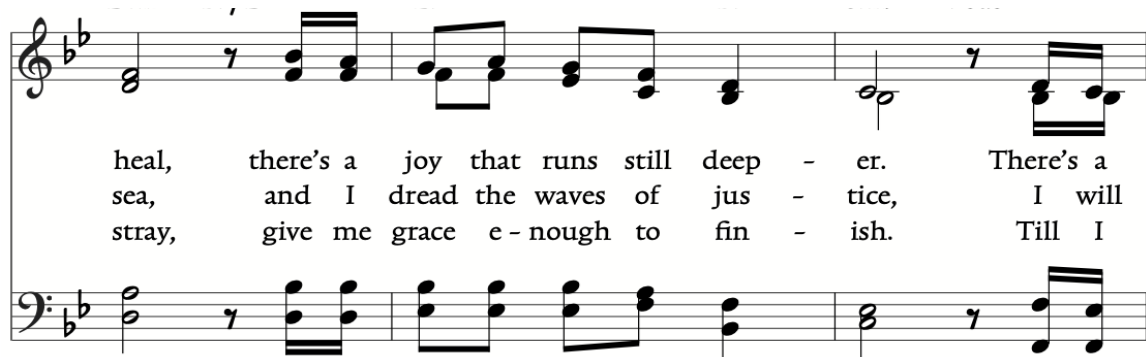
1. When this life of tri - als tests my faith, I set my hope on
2. Though I fal - ter in this war with sin, I set my hope on
3. Though the world call me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on



Je - sus. When the ques-tions come and doubts re - main, I
 Je - sus. When I fail the fight and sink with - in, I
 Je - sus. Though it of - fer all its vain re - wards, I



set my hope on Je - sus. For the deep - est wounds that time won't
 set my hope on Je - sus. Though the shame would drown me in its
 set my hope on Je - sus. Though this heart of mine be prone to



heal, there's a joy that runs still deep - er. There's a
 sea, and I dread the waves of jus - tice, I will
 stray, give me grace e - nough to fin - ish. Till I



truth that's more than all I feel; I set my hope on Je - sus.
 cast my life on Cal - va - ry; I set my hope on Je - sus.
 wor - ship on that fi - nal day, I set my hope on Je - sus.

I set my hope on Je - sus, my rock, my on - ly trust,

who set his heart up - on me first; I set my hope on Je - sus.

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I SET MY HOPE
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* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 7:1-13 – THE TWO TIMES

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.

* *The Power of the Cross* – Sing! Hymnal #821

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two;
for through your suf - f'ring I am free! Death is crushed to death;

torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!

1-3. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be-came sin for us. Took the
4. This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath; we stand for-giv-en at the cross!
love, what a cost— we stand for-giv-en at the cross!

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THE POWER OF THE CROSS
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*** Benediction: *Deuteronomy 1:11***

May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you!

*** *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 jhartley@fpceden.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 – Kenya

Kenya has a massive evangelical presence. Nearly 50% of the population are affiliated to evangelical churches, from Protestant, Independent, Anglican, and Catholic backgrounds! Pentecostals especially experienced rapid growth. Overall, 82% of Kenyans call themselves “Christian”. Why then does Kenya have so much poverty, and such corruption? With so much corruption, terrorists and international drug traffickers use Kenya as a base. Pray for Christians to unite to oppose wrongdoing, and to promote policies that honor God. Kenya needs a just and honest government that will uplift the poor and punish the wicked.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #9

Question: Does not God, then, do injustice to man by requiring of him in His Law that which he cannot perform?

Answer: No, for God so made man that he could perform it (Eph. 4:24); but man, through the instigation of the devil, by willfull disobedience deprived himself and all his descendants of this power (Rom. 5:12).

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
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Choir. Are you an active church member who may be interested in joining the choir? During August, you can join the choir to see if you would be interested in becoming a choir member long-term. If you would like to join next week, be in the Choir Room at 9:40am on Sunday morning for practice. For more information about the Summer Choir, please contact Everall Peele.

Welcoming Classical Conversations. On Tuesday, August 18, 2026, from 9:30-10:00am, we want to welcome Classical Conversations as they begin their school year. Join us as we prepare pancakes and offer other food and drinks for students and parents. If you want to welcome them, please speak with Pastor Brad.

Fall Fest. Only 3 months away!!! Saturday, October 31, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. We are currently assembling a Fall Fest Planning Team, which will meet soon. RAFFLE PRIZES are needed. If you have a large item to raffle or know someone who does, please contact Pat Smith right away. We have prizes for our 3 Prize Raffle but would like to do one or two other raffles.

Vendor Agreement Forms are available this morning for our congregation, with priority until September 1. Please sign up promptly. If a friend or family member wants a booth, please give their information to Pat Smith, who will send them a form. Public notices go out in mid-August. Booths are first come, first served to those outside our church. There will be a SIGN-UP SHEET next week so you may tell us how you would like to help this year. Please pray about how you will help us raise funds for our Building Fund and 10% for our food ministries. Please address questions to Pat at 336-707-3350 by phone or text. PROFITS GO TO THE BUILDING FUND!!!! Please pray for this event so that what we do and say will always glorify God.

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.