

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

August 9, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

Jesus has come to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. He arrives at the temple and begins to teach the people. Yet again, there are those who reject Him and His Father's authority. Jesus, with divine skill, speaks to the hearts of the crowd: "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." The correct judgment would lead them to believe that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament and is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. An incorrect ruling sees Jesus as nothing more than a mere man teaching without proper training and, even worse, desires to see His death.

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: *Deuteronomy 1:16*

(Recite in Unison)

Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother
or the alien who is with him.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Romans 15:10-11*

Leader: Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.

All: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.

* Prayer of Invocation

* *Doxology* – Trinity Hymnal #731

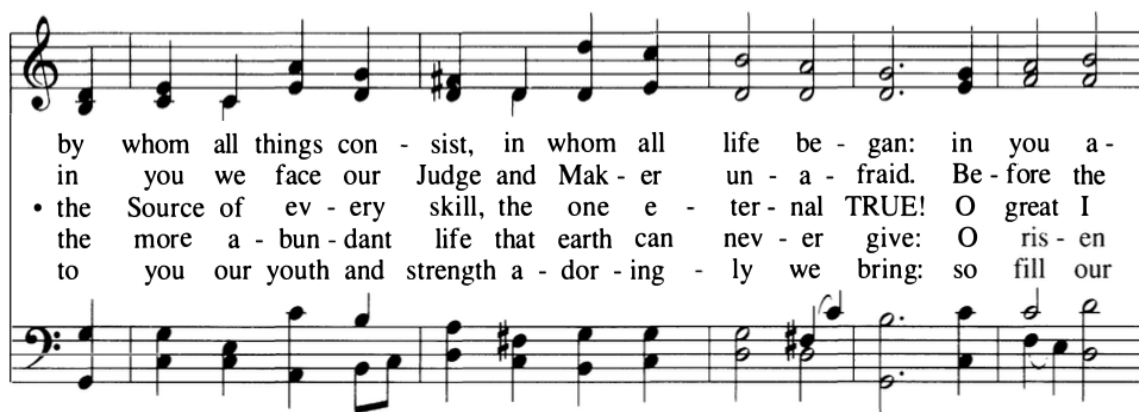
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

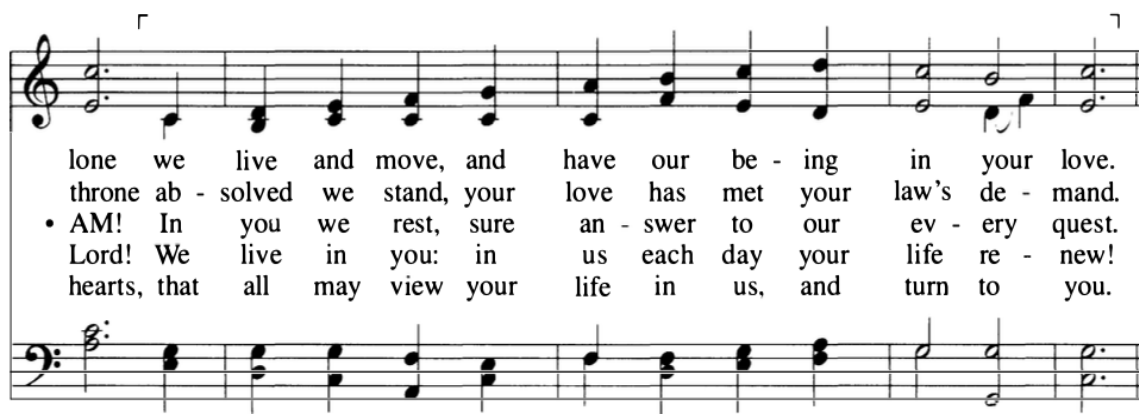
* *We Come, O Christ, to You* – Trinity Hymnal #181



1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
 2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you,
 4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live
 5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King,

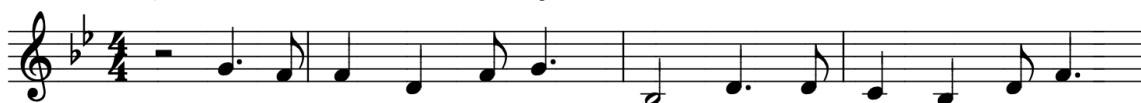


by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the
 • the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal TRUE! O great I
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our



lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.
 throne ab - solved we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.
 • AM! In you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.
 Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life re - new!
 hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

** Give Me Jesus/O Lord You're Beautiful*



In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I
Oh, and when I am a - lone, oh, and when I am a -
Oh, and when I come to die, oh, and when I come to



rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je -
lone, oh, and when I am a - lone, give me Je -
die, oh, and when I come to die, give me Je -



sus. Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus. You can



have all this world, but give me Je - sus.



1..O Lord, You're beau - ti - ful; Your face is all I
2..O Lord, You're won - der - ful; Your touch is all i

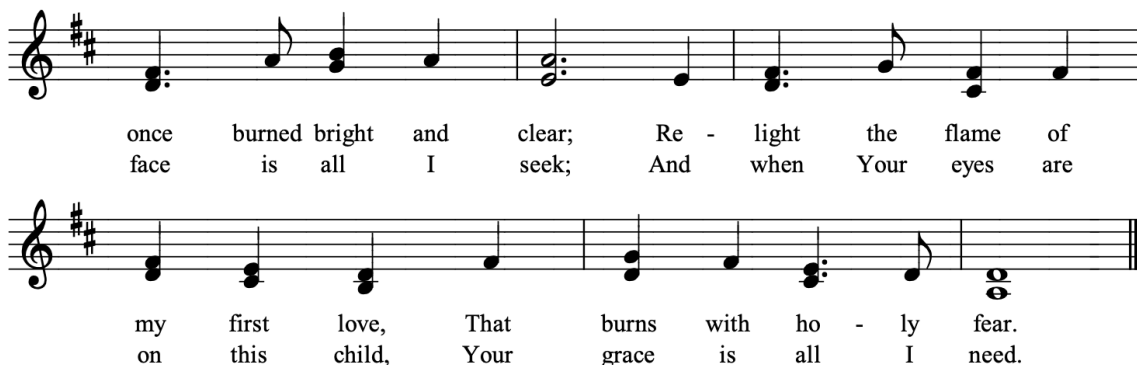


seek; And when Your eyes are on this child, Your
need; And when Your hand is on this child, Your



grace a bounds to me.
heal - ing I re - ceive.

3..O Lord, please send Your fire, that
4..O Lord, You're beau - ti - ful; Your



Reading of the Law: *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, you have mercy upon all—take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

~ *Ambrose*

Assurance of Pardon: *John 3:16*

(Recite in Unison)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Giving of Tithings & Offerings

Choir: God in the Gospel of His Son

* 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.

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

** 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





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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 7:14-24 – RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF CHRIST'S TEACHING

** I Will Glory in My Redeemer – Sing! Hymnal #172*

1. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has
 2. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er; my life he bought, my
 3. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on

ran - somed me; mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails and
 love he owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er; I'm
 ea - gles' wings; he crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness, his

hung him on that judg - ment tree. I will glo - ry in my Re -
 sat - is - fied in him a - lone. I will glo - ry in my Re -
 tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing. I will glo - ry in my Re -

deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and death; my on - ly
 deem - er, his faith - ful - ness my stand - ing place. Though foes are
 deem - er, who waits for me at gates of gold. And when he

Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge: the Lamb who is my
 might-y and rush up - on me, my feet are firm, held
 calls me, it will be par - a - dise: his face for - ev - er

righ - teous - ness, the Lamb who is my righ - teous - ness.
 by his grace, my feet are firm, held by his grace.
 to be - hold, his face for - ev - er to be - hold.

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GLORY IN MY REDEEMER
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*** Benediction: *Deuteronomy 31:8***

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you.
 Do not fear or be dismayed.

*** *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 – Laos

Praise God for rapid church growth, even under government restrictions and persecution! Indigenous Laotians lead almost all churches and evangelism efforts. The government recognizes 2 Protestant groups. Growth also happens through “underground” house groups. Over 90% of all trained leaders left Laos in 1975, and most congregations lack a trained pastor. Pray urgently for leaders both in the recognized churches and in the house church networks. Pray that new believers will grow strong in faith, and not fall away. The Church suffers through persecution, but recognizes that it drives them to prayer and total dependence on God.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #10

Question: *Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?*

Answer: Certainly not (Heb. 9:27), but He is terribly displeased with our inborn as well as our actual sins, and will punish them in just judgment in time and eternity, as He has declared: “Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them” (Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10).

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 September 6.

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
Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am
Romans | 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, September 6

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

Pastor Brad Out of Office. Pastor Brad will be out of the office during the week of August 17-22. However, if you have an emergency, please feel free to contact him.

Summer 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. Saturday, October 31, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. We are currently assembling a Fall Fest Planning Team, which will meet soon. This event requires the assistance of many wonderful volunteers, and we would not be able to pull this off without the help of those who so graciously help. Our current needs are a silent auction, red-ticket items, crafts, door prizes, and raffle prizes. Also, we have a kind community member willing to prepare 35-40 baskets for us, but we will need to provide the items. Please contact Pat Smith (336-707-3350) if you'd like to assist in any of these needs for Fall Fest.

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.

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.