

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

August 16, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

Jesus refers to the healing of the invalid in these verses. He does not simply heal a portion of the body, but the whole man. 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. Christ does not simply heal one aspect of our lives, but provides redemption to the whole soul.

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: *Romans 3:26*

(Recite in Unison)

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *2 Chronicles 6:41*

Leader: And now arise, O Lord God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

All: Let your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.

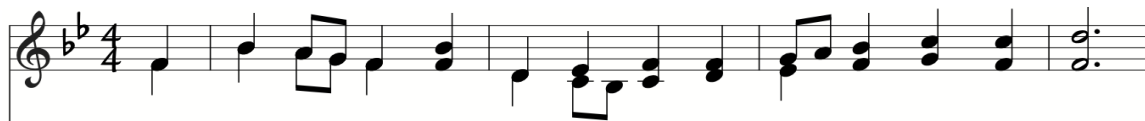
* Prayer of Invocation

* *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.

** I Sing the Mighty Power of God – Sing! Hymnal #78*



1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, and then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy throne.



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-'ry-where that man can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.



Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

Music: Vollständige-Sammlung der gewöhnlichen Melodien, 1827; harm. Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1863

ELLACOMBE

CMD

** Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

Op - en the eyes of my heart, Lord, op - en the eyes of my heart,

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Op - en the eyes of my heart, Lord, op - en the eyes of my heart,

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry.

Pour out Your pow - er and love; As wesing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the eighth staff.

Reading of the Law: *John 15:9-12*

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Amen.

~ Psalm 51:1-3

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 34:8*

(Recite in Unison)

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

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: Be Thou My Vision

*** 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

***** Children Return to Your Seats with Your Parents*****

* *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.

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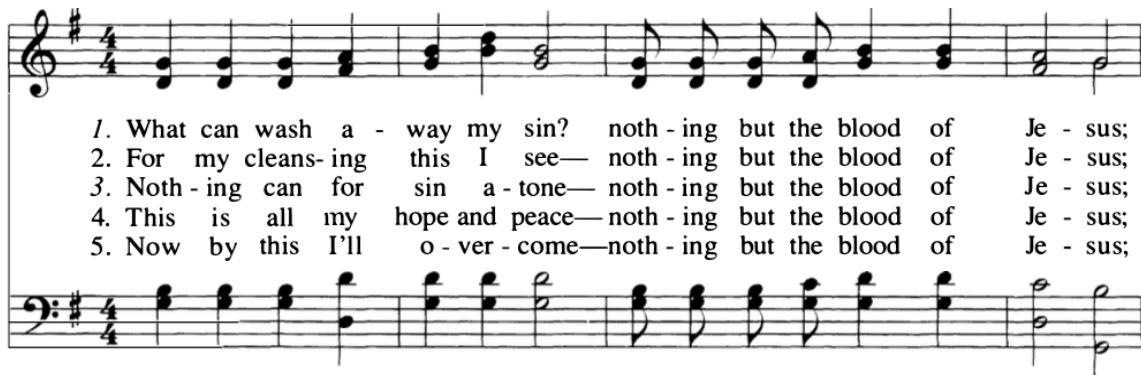
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* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word

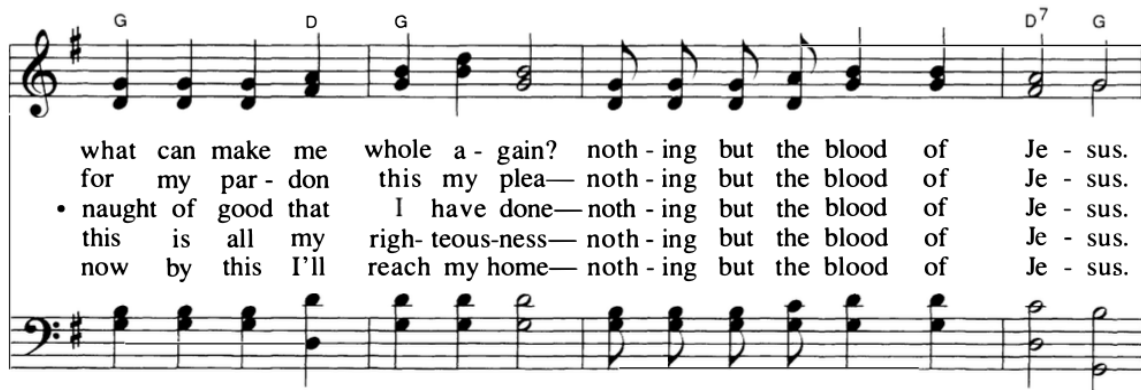
The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 7:19-24 – CHRIST HEALS THE WHOLE MAN

* *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus* – Trinity Hymnal #307

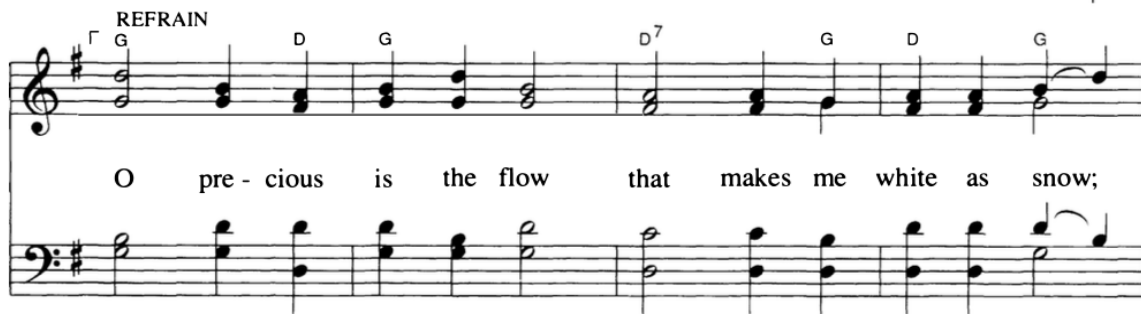


1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans- ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

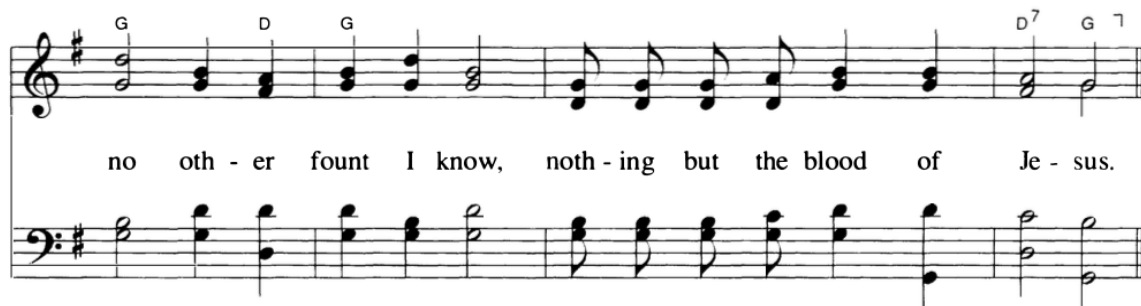


what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ- teous-ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN



O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

*** Benediction: *Deuteronomy 33:27***

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

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

*** Postlude & Dismissal**

Although 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 in both the demonstration and the proclamation of the Gospel!

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 – Luxembourg

Nearly half the population of Luxembourg are expatriates. The resulting growth of other faiths presents a challenge to traditional faith. Islam, Orthodoxy, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Eastern mysticism and the multiplication of Protestant and Independent groups have transformed this small nation into a melting pot of religious expression. Pray that believers in the Lord Jesus might seek and make use of chances to share the gospel, and help shape the nation according to biblical principles.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #11

Question: *But is not God also merciful?*

Answer: God is indeed merciful (Ex. 34:6–7), but He is likewise just (Ex. 20:5; Ps. 5:5–6; 2 Cor. 6:14–16); His justice therefore requires that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment both of body and soul.

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.

Carter Combs Installation. Be sure to join us on September 6, 2026, during our morning service as we ordain and install Carter Combs as an elder. During this service, we will take a break from the Gospel of John, and we will have a special sermon on eldership from Titus 1:5-9. We are so thankful that Christ has set aside Carter to be an under-shepherd of First Presbyterian Church.

Walk for Life. We are thrilled that the Walk for Life will begin at First Presbyterian Church this year! The walk will be on October 3, 2026, with a start time of 9:30am. If you would like to join the walk team, please contact Sue Parker.

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. Our biggest need now is a large raffle prize that folks will want to buy a chance on. We have our three prize raffle items, but we need one or two more large items. We need silent auction, red-ticket, and door prize items also. We have just a few items for baskets but need many more. Many of our items are come from local merchants, so please see the list on the table and sign up to call on one or two (or more) of them. Most of these organizations have been displayed generosity to us in the past. We have a tax receipt we can give them, if they desire one. Contact Pat Smith with questions or if you have ideas for items to secure for the prizes at 336-707-3350. Don't forget to pray!

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.