

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

Jesus offers the rivers of life to those who have nothing. He says, “Come and buy without money.” The cooling waters of life flow from Christ. They are refreshing and reviving to the soul. This water brings salvation. As salvation is applied to the soul, the Spirit of God is poured out into the hearts of those who have been Christ’s since before the foundations of the earth were created. He will continually sustain us as we pilgrim through this world, journeying to the eternal Promised Land.

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: *Isaiah 55:1*

(Recite in Unison)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Isaiah 61:10*

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

All: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

* 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.

** 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.

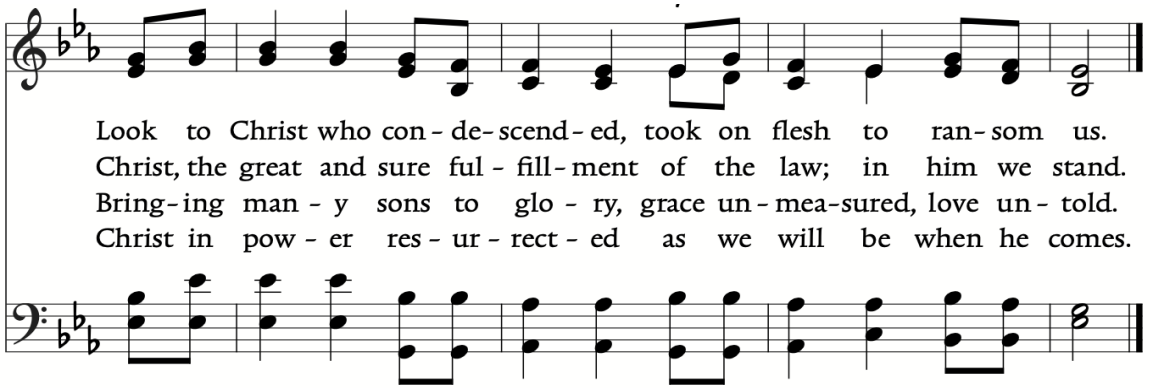


He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man - i - ty.
 In his liv - ing, in his suf-f'ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
 But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



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:





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WONDROUS MYSTERY

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* *We are So Blessed*



We are so blessed by the gifts from Your hand, we just can't un - der -
We are so blessed, by the things You have done, By the vic - t'ries we've



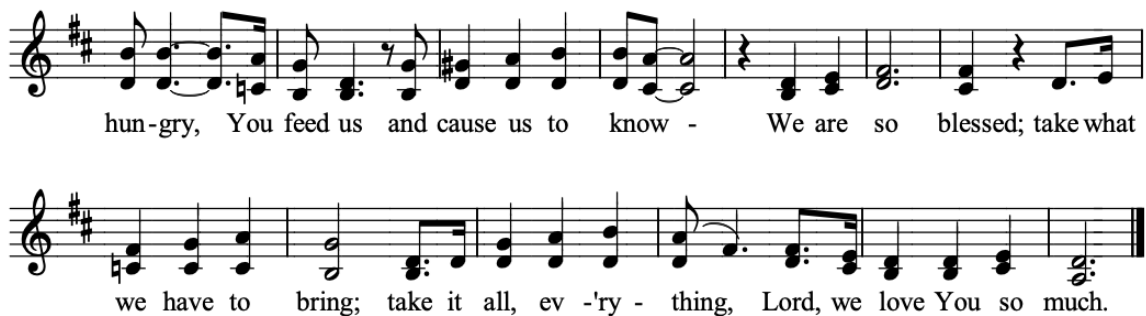
stand why You've loved us so much. We are so blessed we just
won, and what You've brought us thru. We are so blessed, take what



can't find a way, or the words that can say, Thank You Lord for Your
we have to bring, Take it all, ev - 'ry - thing, Lord, we love You so



touch. When we're emp - ty You fill us 'til we ov - er - flow; when we're
much.



Reading of the Law: *Matthew 22:37-40*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Dear God, I cast myself at the foot of the cross, bewailing my exceeding sinfulness and unprofitableness deeply, most deeply aggravated by the infinity of my mercies. I plead your precious promises, and earnestly pray to you to shed abroad in my heart more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace and joy; in short, to fill me with all the fullness of God, and make me worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Amen.

~ William Wilberforce

Assurance of Pardon: *Luke 24:46-47*

(Recite in Unison)

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: Here is Love

* 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***

* *As the Deer* – Sing! Hymnal #538

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth

af - ter you. You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I

long to wor - ship you. You a - lone are my strength, my shield;

to you a - lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

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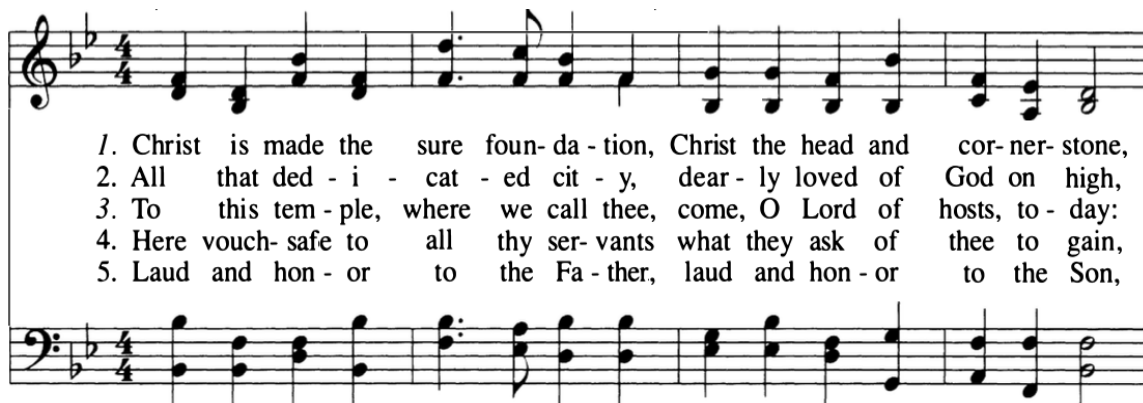
AS THE DEER

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 7:32-39 – COME AND DRINK THE RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

* *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* – Trinity Hymnal #342



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,



cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;
 • with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
 laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 • and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

*** Benediction: *Psalm 129:8***

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you!

*** *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 – Mexico

Pray into and against the massive drug trade and gang violence that accompanies it. Drug trafficking is big business in Mexico - thanks to both the USA's insatiable habit (and to a lesser degree, Europe's) and Mexico's own growing troubles. This illicit trade fuels and enables other structures of sin - the cartels have expanded their activities to human trafficking, kidnapping, extortion, and even avocados and limes.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #13

Question: *Can we ourselves make this satisfaction?*

Answer: Certainly not; on the contrary, we daily increase our guilt (Job 9:2–3; Job 15:15–16; Matt. 6:12).

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 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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September Birthdays

Sept. 1 Melva Johnston
Sept. 2 Michael Hinson, Alayna Underwood
Sept. 12 Shirley Prescott, Debbie Taylor
Sept. 18 Carol Helms, Nancy Putnam
Sept. 19 Kenny Mabe
Sept. 26 Bill Roberts
Sept. 27 Joan Young

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 Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

Stewardship – Thru July

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$155,092.14
YTD Expenses \$175,904.61
Budget YTD -\$20,812.47

Building Fund

Building Need: \$89,522
Building Received: \$65,625.84
Building YTD -\$23,896.16

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

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.

Choir. The choir will resume as normal beginning this week! Choir practice is Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Also, the choir meets at 9:40am on Sunday morning for final rehearsal before the service. If you love to praise the Lord through voice and would like to join the choir, please contact Everall Peele for more information.

Fall Fest. Saturday, October 31, from 7:30am to 2:30pm. We are thankful that we have already received some larger prizes as donations! We currently need silent auction, red-ticket, and door prize items. We have just a few basket items but need many more. Many of our items 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 generous to us in the past. We have a tax receipt we can provide them if they wish. Finally, if you have items at your home that you'd like to add to the yard sale, there is still time to add them to Fall Fest. If you are able to assist, please pick up a sign-up sheet from the table in the sanctuary and note how you can help. Contact Pat Smith with questions, if you can help this year, 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.