

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

September 6, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

Elders are a great gift to the church. They are undershepherds of Jesus, responsible for discerning His mind for the congregation. They are called to continually point their fellow brothers and sisters to Jesus, pursuing Him in love and holiness. Furthermore, they lead the congregation in love and grace. The office of elder is a high calling. As President James Garfield once said, “Today I resign from the highest office in the land (Elder of the Church) to become president of the United States.” Today we give thanks to Jesus for setting aside an elder to help us in being formed into Christlikeness.

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: *1 Peter 5:2-3*

(Recite in Unison)

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Revelation 5:12*

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

All: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

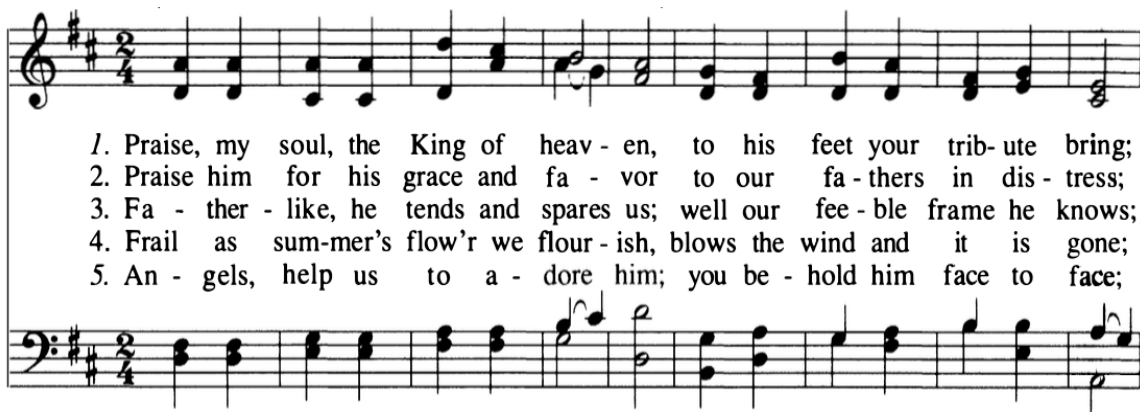
* Prayer of Invocation

* *Doxology* – Trinity Hymnal #731

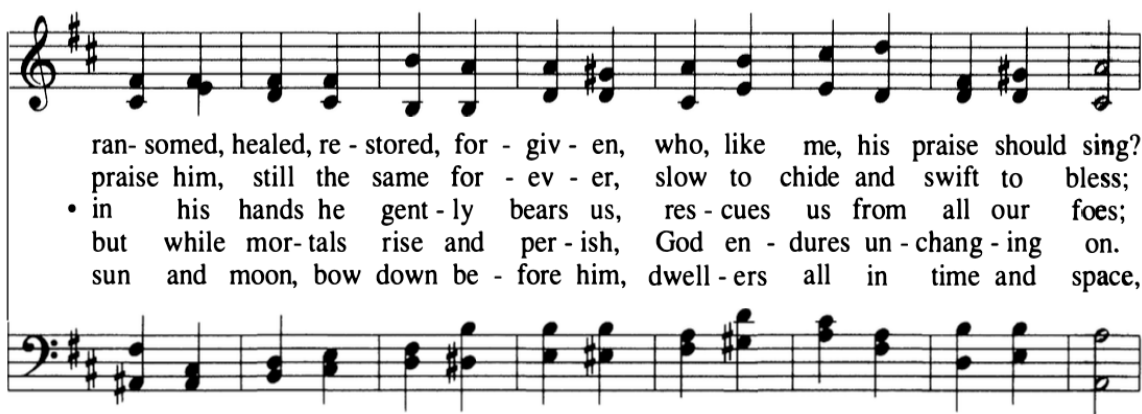
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able

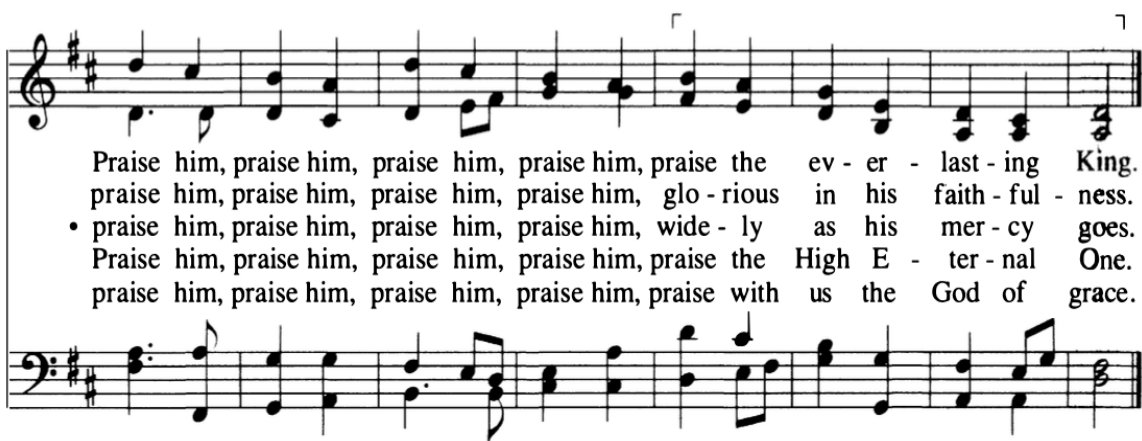
* *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* – Trinity Hymnal #76



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

** How Blessed Are They*

How bless - ed are they who de - light in the Lord, who keep His law in their hearts; They will not be led by the wis - dom of men; their eyes are al - ways on God; their eyes are al - ways on God. How God. They are like a tree plant - ed by a stream, where the wat - ers run cool and fresh; All their fruit is good, for their roots are deep, and the shade from their bran - ches gives rest. Not so for the wick - ed, like chaff blown a - way, on winds of trou - ble and strife. But God knows His child - ren and watch - es their way; the right - eous pros - per in life. The right - eous pros - per in life. They are life.

The musical score is written on eight staves in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score includes repeat signs with first and second endings. The first ending is marked with a '1.' and the second ending with a '2.'. The final measure of the second ending is a whole note on a G4, followed by a double bar line.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. Amen.

~ *Daniel 9:4-5*

Assurance of Pardon: Joel 2:13

(Recite in Unison)

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: Lord, Speak to 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.

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.

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

The Preaching of God's Word

TITUS 1:5-9 – THE ELDERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Ordination and Installation of Carter Combs as Ruling Elder

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**

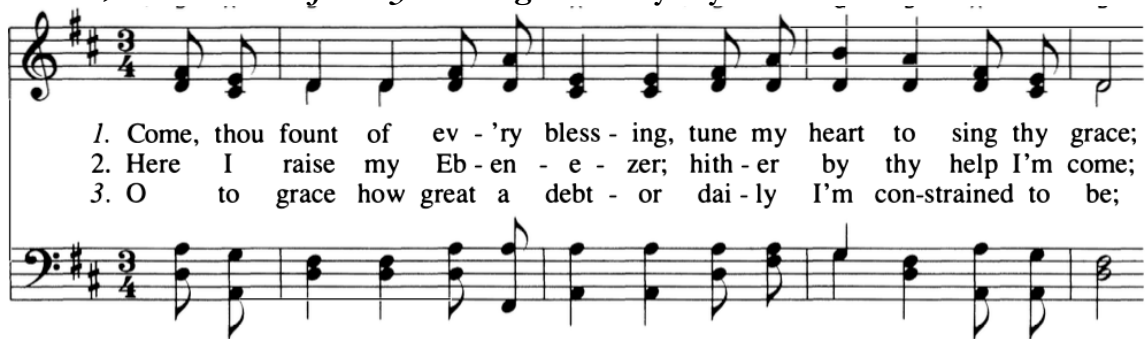
(Recite in Unison)

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.

** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Trinity Hymnal #76*



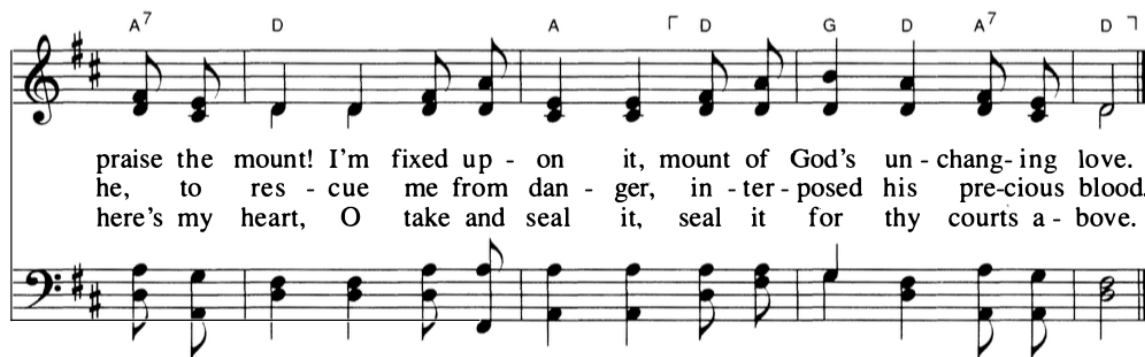
1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*** Benediction: *Romans 8:38-39***

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*** *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!

NOTES

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 – Morocco

Moroccans became aware of the indigenous Church when the media broadcasted negative and inaccurate reports about a large number of converts to Christianity. There may be about 2,000 Moroccan Christians, with 20 to 30 small house fellowships. New believers feel pressure from family, police, or religious authorities. Pray that believers might grow amid such persecution, as with the early Church, through faith, witness, mutual support, and encouragement!

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #14

Question: *Can any mere creature make satisfaction for us?*

Answer: None; for first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man committed (Heb. 2:14–18); and further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin (Ps. 130:3) and redeem others from it.

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

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

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.

Fall Fest. Planning for this year's Fall Fest is well underway! In years past, we would not have been able to pull off this event except for the help of our wonderful members. We are thankful for all of those who made previous years possible and successful. We still have needs as we prepare. If you are unable to be here on the day of Fall Fest, would you consider helping us with the planning? We need Bake Sale goods, items for the various raffles, to call businesses that have made donations in the past, and to prepare for all the children who will come. If you can assist in any of these ways, please contact Pat Smith as soon as possible. We look forward to another great Fall Fest and engaging with our community.

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.