

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

**September 13, 2026**

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## IN PREPARATION

One might assume that the coming of the long-promised Messiah would bring joy to those in Jerusalem. However, the city is divided over Jesus. As is made clear elsewhere, division will occur in families and friends over Him. One must count the cost if they are to follow Jesus. For He alone is the only way by which sinners are saved from their sin.

## 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: *Matthew 11:27*

*(Recite in Unison)*

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

#### Introit & Silent Preparation

#### \* Call to Worship: *Psalm 103:1-5*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

All: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

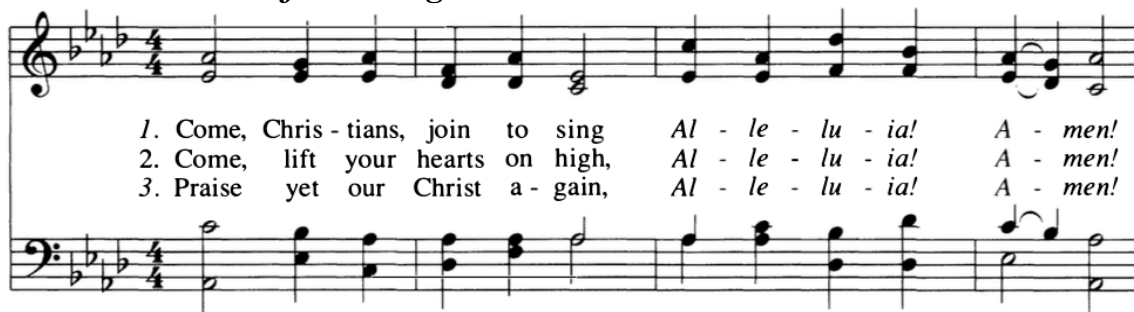
#### \* Prayer of Invocation

#### \* *Doxology* – Trinity Hymnal #731

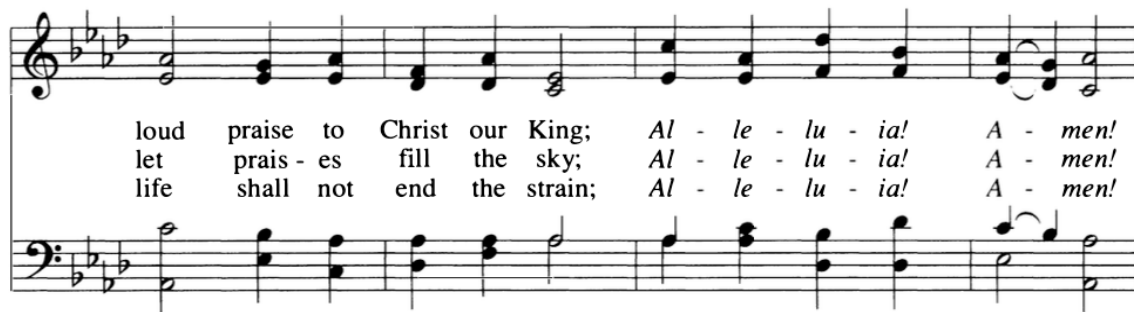
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Please stand if you are able.

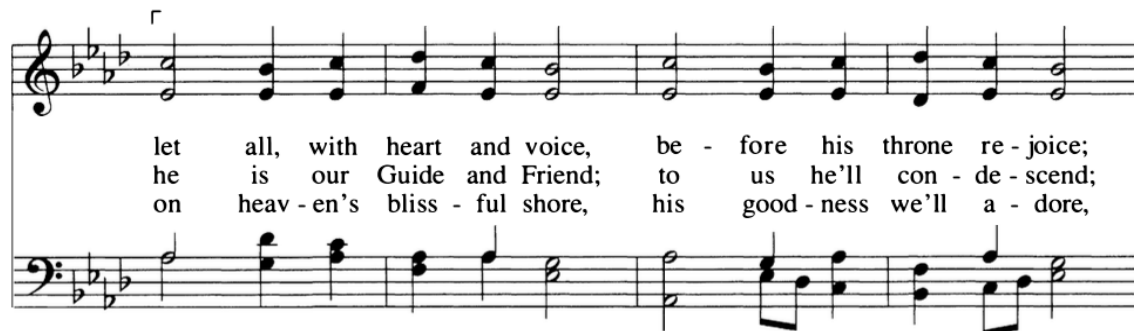
*\* Come, Christians, Join to Sing*



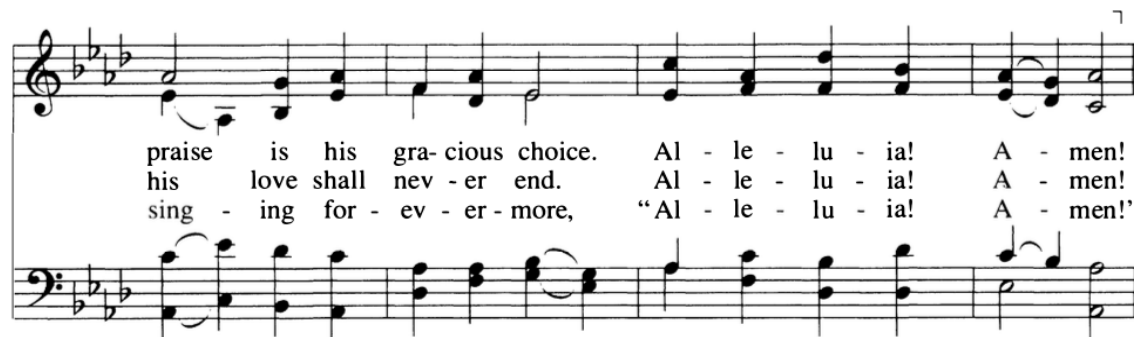
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high,    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!



let all, with heart and voice,    be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 he is our Guide and Friend;    to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore,    his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice.    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end.    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more,    "Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!"

*\* Here I Am to Worship*



1..Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me  
2..King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



see, beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with  
bove, hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came



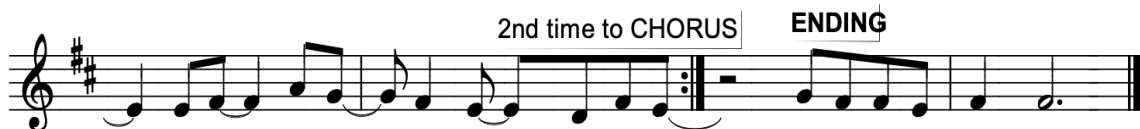
You So, here I am to wor - ship; here I am to bow down; here I am to  
poor.



say that You're my God. You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er



won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev - er know how much it cost to see



my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev - Here I am to wor - ship.

## **Reading of the Law: *Matthew 6:33a***

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

## **Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin**

*(Recite in Unison)*

Father, against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Amen.

~ *Psalms 51:4-6*

## **Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 8:1-3***

*(Recite in Unison)*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.

## **Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

*Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

## **\* 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 May Be Dismissed for Children's Bible Study\*\*\***

\* *The Light of the World is Jesus*

*F* *C* *F*



1. The whole world was lost in the dark - ness of sin; the light of the  
 2. No dark - ness have we who in Je - sus a - bide, the light of the  
 3. Ye dwell - ers in dark - ness with sin - blind - ed eyes, the light of the  
 4. No need of the sun - light in heav - en, we're told, the light of the



*C* *F* *C* *F*



world is Je - sus; like sun - shine at noon - day his glo - ry shone in,  
 world is Je - sus; we walk in the light when we fol - low our Guide,  
 world is Je - sus; go, wash at his bid - ding, and light will a - rise,  
 world is Je - sus; the Lamb is the light in the Cit - y of Gold,



*C7* *F* *C* *F* *C* **REFRAIN**



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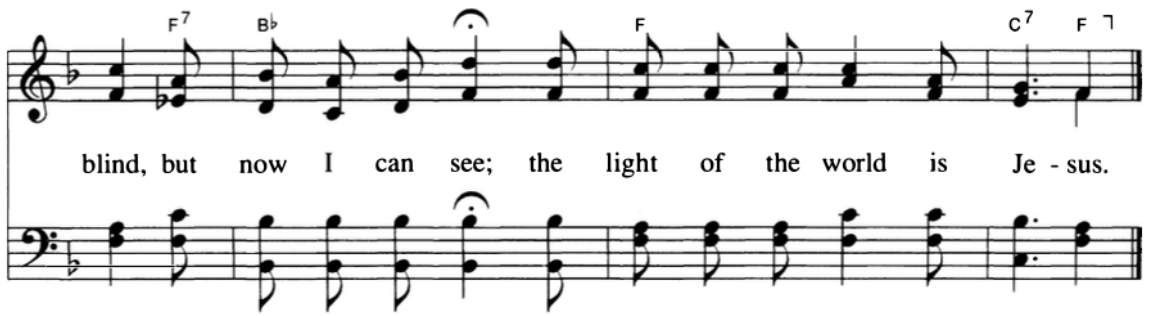


*G7* *C* *F* *C* *G7* *C* *C7* *F* *F*



shin - ing for thee; sweet - ly the light has dawned up - on me; once I was





\* *What Wondrous Love is This*

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

C Bm Am G Am G C Dm C F C F C

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Dm C Am Bm<sup>7</sup> C Dm Am Em Dm C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Dm Dm<sup>7</sup> C F C Bm Am G Am G C Dm

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

**\* Benediction: *Philippians 4:7***

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**\* *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](mailto:jhartley@fpceden.org)\*\*\**

### Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Tristen Wittman and the 109<sup>th</sup> 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 – Nepal

Nepal has experienced huge changes in the last 20 years. The absolute power of the Hindu monarchy ended in 2008, and a tumultuous decade followed that eventually saw the establishment of a federal republic as a secular state. This was an answer to the prayers of most Christians in Nepal! Although Nepal is a secular country, an anti-conversion law was passed in 2017, primarily intended to limit Christian evangelism and defend Nepal's Hindu traditions. It has not succeeded in slowing the spread of the gospel; Nepal's Christians continue to share the good news. Pray for wisdom and courage for all who wish to be witnesses for Christ in Nepal.

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Question & Answer #15

Question: *What kind of mediator and redeemer, then, must we seek?*

Answer: One who is a true (1 Cor. 15:21–22, 25–26) and righteous man (Jer. 33:16; Isa. 53:11; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:15–16), and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God (Isa. 7:14; Heb. 7:26).

***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 October 4.

### Session

Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)  
Kenny Mabe (2028)  
Everall Peele (2028)  
Bill Robertson (2028)  
Carter Combs (2029)  
Pastor Brad Milks

### Staff

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### Committee Leaders

Building: Bruce Nooe  
Missions/Outreach: Paul Sasser  
Congregational Life: Pat Smith

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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 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, October 4

### 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.

**Pastor Brad's Vacation.** Pastor Brad will be on vacation from October 13 to 19. If you have anything during this time, please contact a Ruling Elder. Pray for Bill Robertson as he leads the congregation in worship these weeks.

**Fall Fest.** Saturday, October 31, from 7:30am to 2:30pm. Please take a minute to look at the wonderful baskets! Thanks to those who brought items. If you'd like to contribute items for a basket, please bring them in as soon as possible. There are many ways to help make Fall Fest a reality, even if you can't be here that day: We would appreciate it if you could take flyers on the table in the Sanctuary to local vendors, recommend people who would be great booth vendors, take tickets into the community to see if people are interested in the raffles or our stew, provide items for the silent auction, red ticket raffle, or bake sale, or, finally, if you'd like to help but are unable to give time, you can always make a donation to Fall Fest. We are thankful for those who have already done so. There will be plenty of activities for children: face painting, the cow train, and more! Furthermore, there will be a Halloween costume contest – dress to win! As always, please continue to pray for this event. Contact Pat Smith for more information.

**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.