

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

September 20, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

One of the most precious words to a Christian is the word “grace.” The woman caught in adultery was guilty. According to the Law, this woman should have been stoned to death. Yet, Jesus intercedes, saves her, and commands her to live and sin no more. This story reminds us how much grace we have received from our Lord.

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: *Psalms 112:4*

(Recite in Unison)

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 16:8–10*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

* 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.

** O God beyond All Praising*

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael A. Perry, 1982

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Gustav Holst, 1918

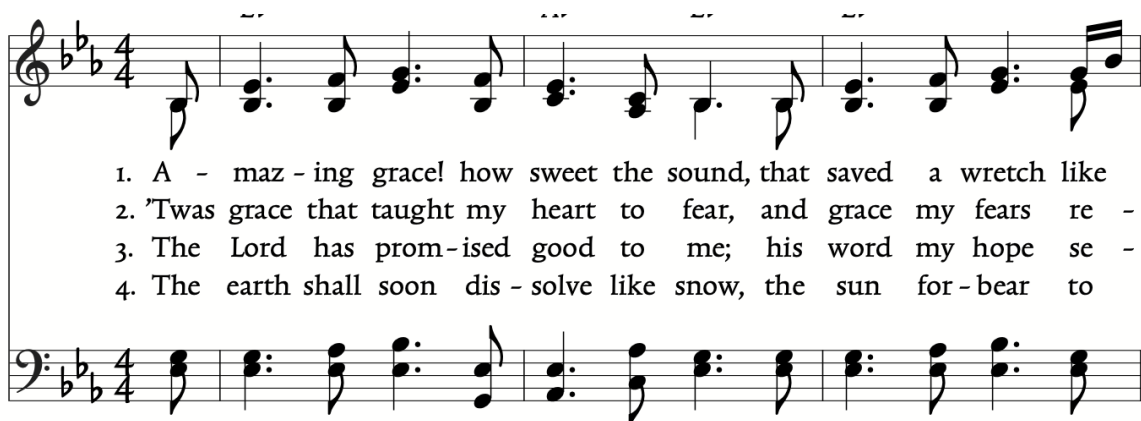
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* *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his word my hope se -
4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to

mel- lied. cures. shine. I How He But once was lost but now am found; was blind, but pre- cious did that grace ap- pear the hour I will my Shield and Por- tion be as long as God, who called me here be- low, will be for -

now I see. - lied. - dures. My chains are gone, I've been set

free. My God, my Sav - ior has ran-somed me. And like a flood

his mer-cy reigns; un-end-ing love, a-maz-ing grace.

4.
Cm Ab Bb Cm Ab Bb Eb

mine, will be for - ev - er mine; you are for - ev - er mine.

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MY CHAINS ARE GONE

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Reading of the Law: *Romans 3:23*

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Lord, I am a wretched sinner, but I would take you away and take Christ away if I would despair; I would make you no God and make Christ no Christ if I would not accept your mercy; for Christ is given to me, and I labor to make him my own by laying hold of him. Amen.

~ Richard Sibbes

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 130:3-4*

(Recite in Unison)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: His Mercy is More

* 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

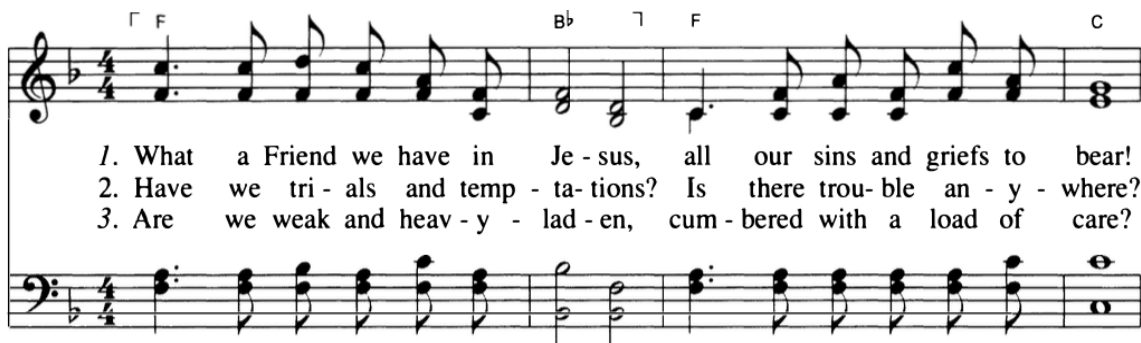
(Recite in Unison)

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.

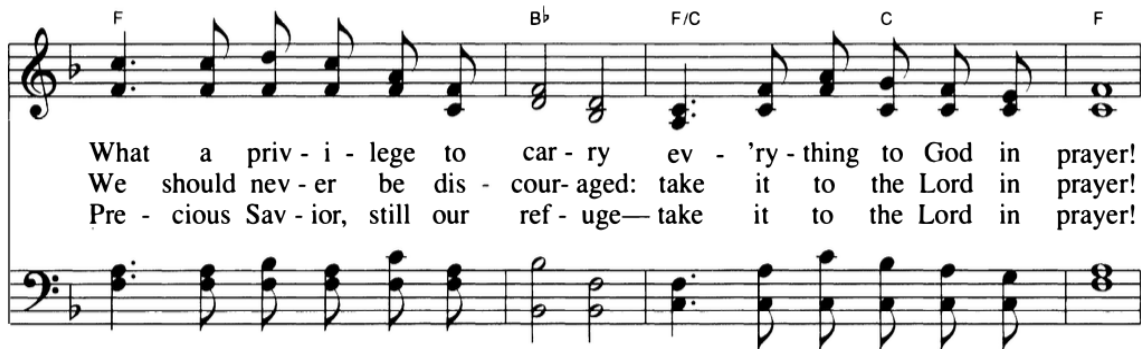
The Children's Sermon

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

* *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

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all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

Joseph Scriven, ca. 1855

WHAT A FRIEND 8.7.8.7.D.
 Charles C. Converse, 1868

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 7:53-8:11 – GRACE TO AN UNDERSERVED SINNER

* *Grace*

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-come-d home to walk be-side my Sav - ior.

By grace I am re - deemed, by grace I am re - stored; and

now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

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RESTORING GRACE
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*** Benediction: 1 Corinthians 16:23**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with 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
- 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 – Nigeria

Church growth has been massive and remains so. A large majority of West Africa's evangelicals live in Nigeria. Nigeria has the world's 4th, and possibly 3rd, highest number of evangelicals in the world. Catholics, Anglicans, traditional Protestant groups, and newer Pentecostal and charismatic groups all grow. Much growth comes from among Muslims and those who follow tribal religions. This growth often happened quietly, in less obvious ways. Praise God for the millions who have come to know Him in Nigeria!

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #16

Question: *Why must he be a true and righteous man?*

Answer: Because the justice of God requires (Rom. 5:15) that the same human nature which has sinned should make satisfaction for sin; but one who is himself a sinner cannot satisfy for others (Isa. 53:3–5).

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

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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 August

Operational Budget

YTD Received: \$195,517.14

YTD Expenses: \$194,221.98

Budget YTD: \$1,295.16

Building Fund

Building Need: \$103,662

Building Received: \$75,989.84

Building YTD: -\$27,672.16

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

Let us Sing! Over fifty times in Scripture, God commands His people to sing to Him. From September 27-October 11, we will explore Psalm 103. During these services and sermons, we will look to Scripture to see why we are to sing to our God. Be sure to join us as we see the greatness of God and His mighty works. We were made to contemplate about God, meditate on His glory, and worship Him in Spirit and truth.

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. Tickets are available this morning, so be sure to take some with you to sell. Whoever sells the most will receive a prize! If you'd like to contribute items for a basket, please contact Pat Smith, as she has some ideas and suggestions. 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 and be sure to spread the word, 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.