

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

September 27, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

Our souls are commanded to bless the Lord because He is good to us. When we contemplate God's glorious works, how can our souls keep silent? When we dwell on God's attributes, how can our hearts cease from singing? When we remember the salvation brought to our hearts by the grace of Christ, how can our tongues refrain from joining the multitude of angels who cry out, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty!" Praise the Lamb, for He is good to us forever.

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: *Colossians 3:16*

(Recite in Unison)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalms 145:1-3*

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

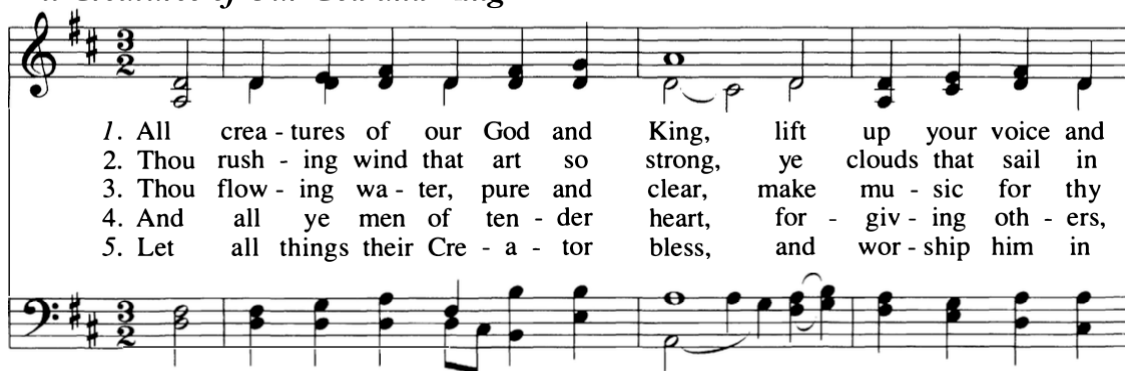
* Prayer of Invocation

* *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.

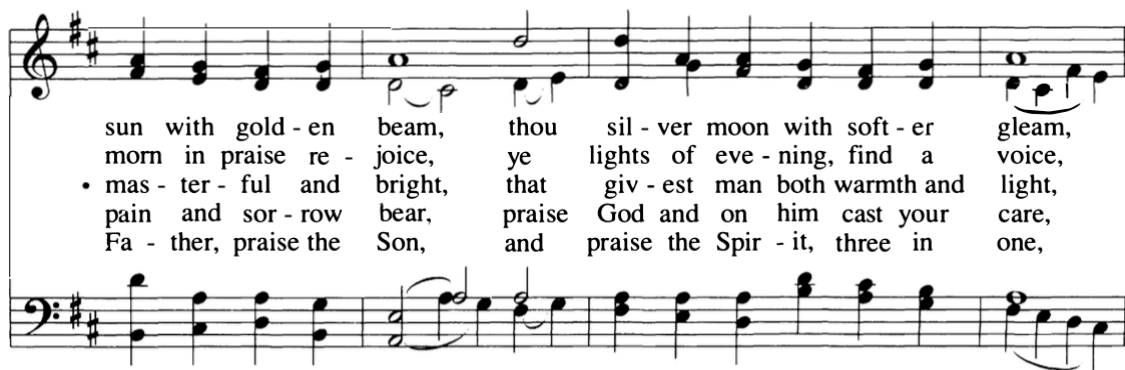
* *All Creatures of Our God and King*



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the



sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,



O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

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Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

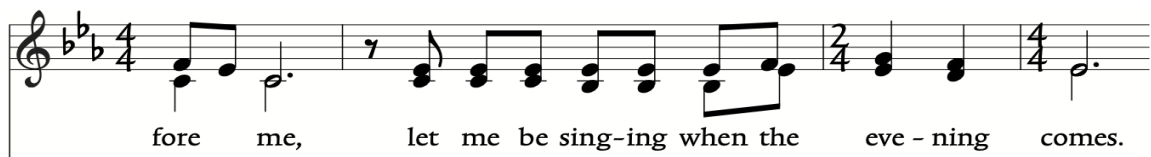
*** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, wor-ship his ho - ly name;

sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul—I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing; it's time to sing your song

a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be-



fore me, let me be sing-ing when the eve - ning comes.



Chorus Ab Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb

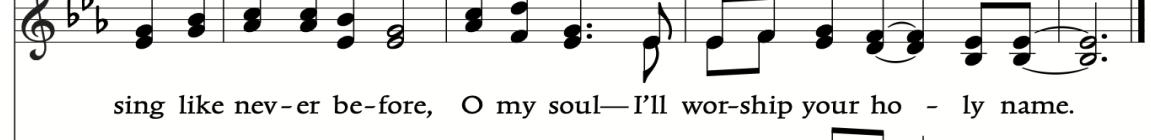
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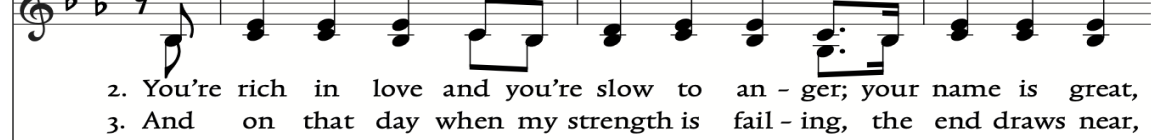
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to an - ger; your name is great,



3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near,



and your heart is kind. For all your good-ness I will keep on

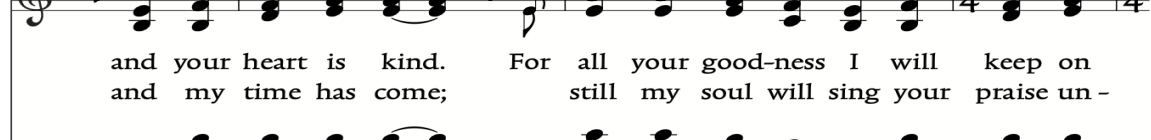


and my time has come; still my soul will sing your praise un -



Cm Ab Eb Bbsus to Chorus Eb

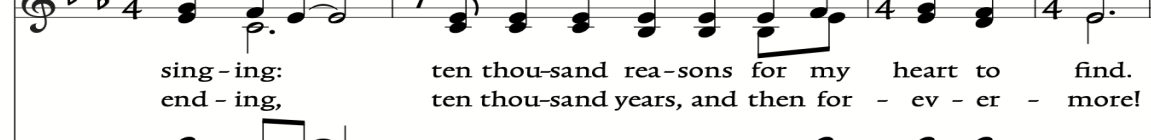
sing - ing: ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find.



end - ing, ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er - more!



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

And he said to him, “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)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden—cleans the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ *Common Book of Prayer*

Assurance of Pardon: *Matthew 11:28-30*

(Recite in Unison)

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: God, You're So Good

*** 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*****

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- er God is with us, for-ev - er, for- ev - er.

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

The Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 103:1-5 – WORSHIP CHRIST FOR HE IS GOOD TO US

* *Let the Whole Creation Cry Out*



1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2. War-riors fight-ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn-ing with his word,
3. Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an-them man - i - fold,



D D/F# A D G A D



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "God is good, and God is King!"
those to whom the arts be-long, add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil-dren's hap - py hearts in this wor-ship bear their parts;



A D Esus A Em Bm F#sus Bm



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Kings of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo-rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars, in God re-joice!
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One! Glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881, alt.
 Music: Jakob Hintze, 1678; harm. J. S. Bach, alt.

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*** Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2**

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

*** *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 – Pakistan

Pakistan's government normally alternates between inefficient, corrupt political parties and authoritarian military dictatorships. Power and wealth are concentrated in too few hands. This hinders economic and social development. Pakistan's economic prospects are grim as it faces inflation, high unemployment, increasing dependence on IMF bailouts, and constant emigration, in addition to widespread corruption. The country faces pressure from Islamist forces, and from troubles with India over the Kashmir region. Pray that the Lord would free Pakistan from spirits of lawlessness and violence that harm the nation. Pray for government that will move the nation forward.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #17

Question: *Why must he also be true God?*

Answer: That by the power of His Godhead He might bear in His manhood the burden of God's wrath (Isa. 53:8; Acts 2:24), and so obtain for (John 3:16; Acts 20:28) and restore to us righteousness and life (1 John 1:2).

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

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 on October 18.

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! Please add two items to your list of needs for Fall Fest. We need canned soft drinks for lunch. Please bring popular brands like Coke, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Mountain Dew, etc. We also need some water. 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.