



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

What comfort it is to know that our God is merciful and gracious to His children. Furthermore, He is slow to anger towards us. In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we learn of these wonderful attributes. We biblically and experientially know that our God is good to us, even when we sin against Him. Every day, our God knows that we were made from dust and shows compassion to those who love Him. What a glorious reason to worship God this morning: Our God is so good to us!

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 Corinthians 1:30-31*

(Recite in Unison)

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalms 30:4-5*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

All: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

* 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 Him! Praise Him!*



1. Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er,
 2. Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er,
 3. Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er,



sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim.
 for our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring.



Hail him! Hail him! High - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he, our rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er.



strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him, hail him, Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 Crown him! Crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!



Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Lov - ing Sav - ior, meek - ly en - dur - ing sor - row,
 Death is van - quished! Tell it with joy, ye faith - ful.

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 crowned with thorns that cru - el - ly pierced his brow;
 Where is now thy vic - to - ry, boast - ing grave?

O ye saints that dwell on the moun - tain of Zi - on,
 once for us re - ject - ed, des - pised, and for - sak - en,
 Je - sus lives! No long - er thy por - tals are cheer - less;

praise him, praise him ev - er in joy - ful song.
 Prince of Glo - ry, he is tri - um - phant now.
 Je - sus lives, the might - y and strong to save.

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1869
 Music: Chester G. Allen, 1869

JOYFUL SONG
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* *Adam Our Father and Our Head*

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Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason



Ad - am, our fath - er and our head,
But O! un - meas - ur - a - ble grace!
A - maz - ing work! Look down, ye skies,
Trans - gressed, and just - ice doomed us dead;
Th'e - ter - nal Son takes Ad - am's place;
Won - der and gaze with all your eyes;
The fier - y law speaks all des - pair;
Down to our world the Sav - ior flies,
Ye saints be - low and saints a - bove,
There's no re - priev nor par - don there.
Stretch - es His arms, and bleeds and dies.
All bow to this myst - er - i - ous love.

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:1-3*

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us of you, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! Amen.

~ *John Wesley*

Assurance of Pardon: *Colossians 3:3-4*

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: How Firm a Foundation

* 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.

* But For the Cross of Christ

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first line of music, and so on. The lyrics are:

1. What is the truth that ev - er an - chors me a - midst the
2. He bore my sin; I bear his righ-teous-ness. Oh, what a
3. How do I walk with hum-ble con - fi - dence? I look to
4. When I am weak and stum-ble in - to sin, there is an
5. One day I'll stand be - fore the King of kings. One day I'll

waves of all my guilt? That Christ has shed his blood and
glo - ri - ous ex - change! The wrath of God laid on the
Christ who is my peace. He sealed my hope and my in -
ev - er - flow - ing stream. His cleans-ing blood re - vives my
see him face to face. For Je - sus rose; death lost its

par-doned me at the cross, at the cross.
 spot-less Lamb; oh, what grace! Oh, what grace!
 her - i - tance at the cross, at the cross. Be-hold the cross,
 soul a - gain. Oh, what grace! Oh, what grace!
 bit - ter sting. Christ has won! Christ has won!

there is no great-er love: heav-en's Son laid down his life for us.

Oh, my soul would be lost with no hope to find, but for the cross of Christ.

Words & Music: Bryan Fowler, Kristyn Getty, Jessica Waterman

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BUT FOR THE CROSS

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

The Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 103:6-14 – THE LORD IS MERCIFUL, GRACIOUS, AND COMPASSIONATE TO US

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.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,
4. Be near me, Lord, when dy - ing, O show thy cross to me!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with each line of music corresponding to one of the four verses. The score includes a treble clef for the Soprano and Alto parts, and a bass clef for the Tenor and Bass parts. The lyrics are: 1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down; 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain: 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend, 4. Be near me, Lord, when dy - ing, O show thy cross to me!

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
And, for my suc - cor fly - ing, come, Lord, to set me free:

how pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,
these eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from Je - sus shall not move;

How does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly through thy love.

Words: Arnulf of Leuven, ca. 1250, adapt. Paul Gerhardt, 1656; tr. James W. Alexander, 1830
Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. J. S. Bach, 1727, alt.

PASSION CHORALE
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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 – Philippians

Metro Manila is a mega-city of 13 million people, with the Greater Manila area up to 26 million. It faces enormous challenges, but God is greatly at work here. Modern ministry to the urban poor began in Manila. Many are open to the gospel, but most evangelical churches are in wealthier areas. Nearly 50% of slums and squatter communities have no evangelical church. At the same time, Manila is home to the country's wealthy elite. Pray that the gospel will impact them also, as they hold much power and the potential to transform Manila and the whole nation.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #18

Question: *But who now is that Mediator, who in one person is true God and also a true and righteous man?*

Answer: Our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:23; 1 Tim. 3:16; Luke 2:11), who is freely given unto us for complete redemption and righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30).

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 November 1.

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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October Birthdays

Oct. 15 W.C. Wrangham
Oct. 17 Robert Gauldin
Oct. 22 Olivia Brown

If you have a birthday this month and are not listed, please let Jennifer Shafer know by email at office@fpceden.org

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, November 1

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

Pastor Brad's Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation this week. 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 11.

Trunk to Trunk. Trunk to Trunk. On October 31, we will hold Trunk to Trunk at FPC from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please set up in the Administrative parking lot by 4:45 p.m.

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.