

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

Charles Spurgeon once wrote, “There is too much in [Psalm 103] for a thousand pens to write, it is one of those all-comprehending Scriptures which is a Bible in itself, and it might alone almost suffice for the hymn-book of the church.” As we come to an end of this Psalm, I think we can agree with Spurgeon. We see that man is mortal and that God’s steadfast love is everlasting. What a glorious anchor for our souls: God has always loved those who are in Christ Jesus and will always love us. Come, let us bless the Lord along with all of creation.

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: *Psalm 145:10*

(Recite in Unison)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:4–6*

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

All: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

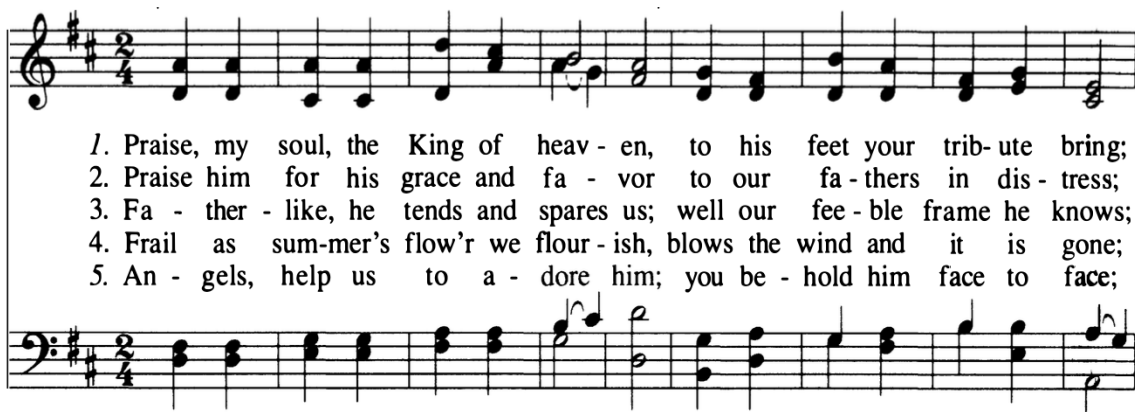
* Prayer of Invocation

* *Doxology*

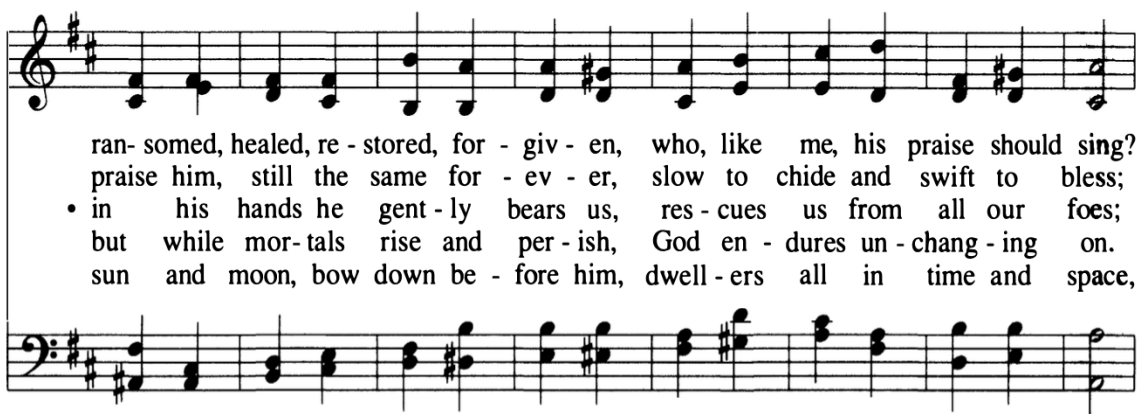
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Please stand if you are able.

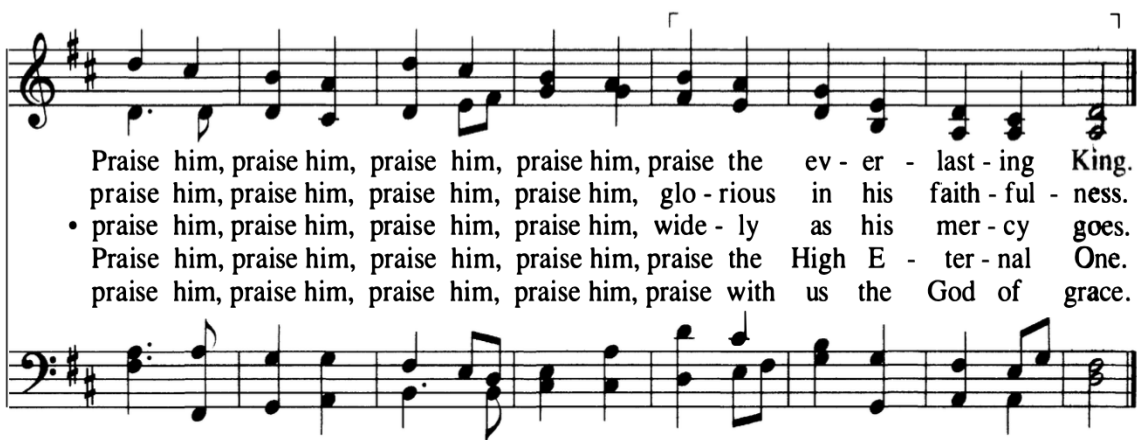
* *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*



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.

** Everlasting Song of Praise*



The ang- els sing your prais- es, The fier- y stars a- dore you, The
The o - ceans roar your prais- es, The splash- ing brooks a- dore you, The



sun and moon re- flect the glo- ry of your ho- ly name. The
dew and rain fall down to glo - ri - fy your ho- ly name. The



earth re- volves in wor- ship, The skies un- fold in won- der, And
rocks ring out in wor - ship, The trees reach up in won - der.



all your peo- ple join the song of ev- er- last- ing praise. Your name is



Won- der- ful! You are the Ho- ly One! And you are worth- y to be ex-



alt- ed. You are the King of kings! You are the Might- y God! And



all cre- a- tion sings your praise. And all cre- a- tion sings your praise.

Reading of the Law: 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

~ Augustine

Assurance of Pardon: Revelation 7:13-14

(Recite in Unison)

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: Every Promise of Your Word

*** 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

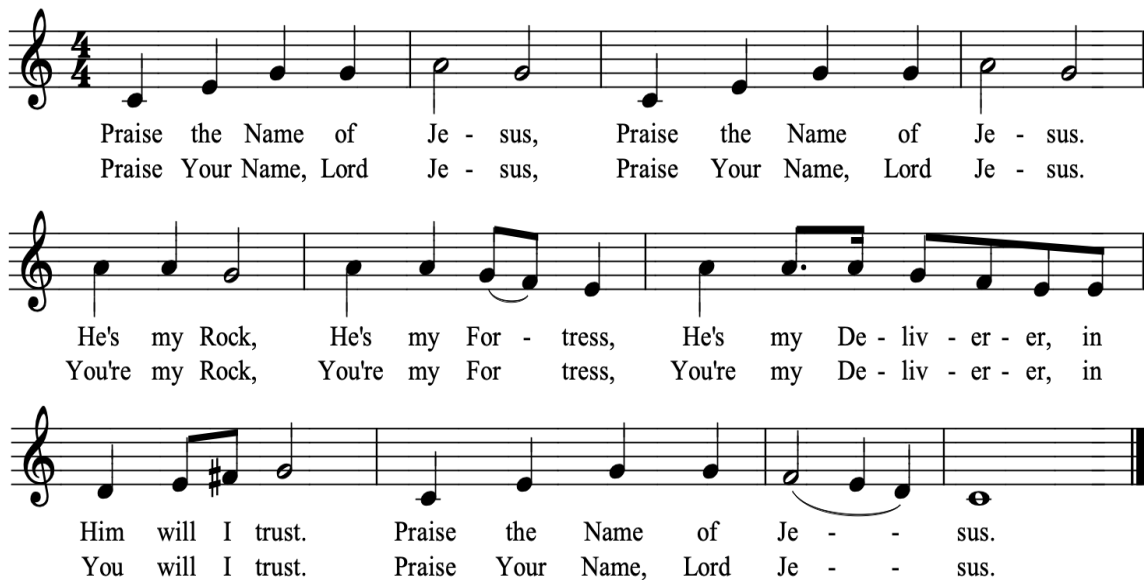
(Recite in Unison)

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*****

** Praise the Name of Jesus/No Other Name*

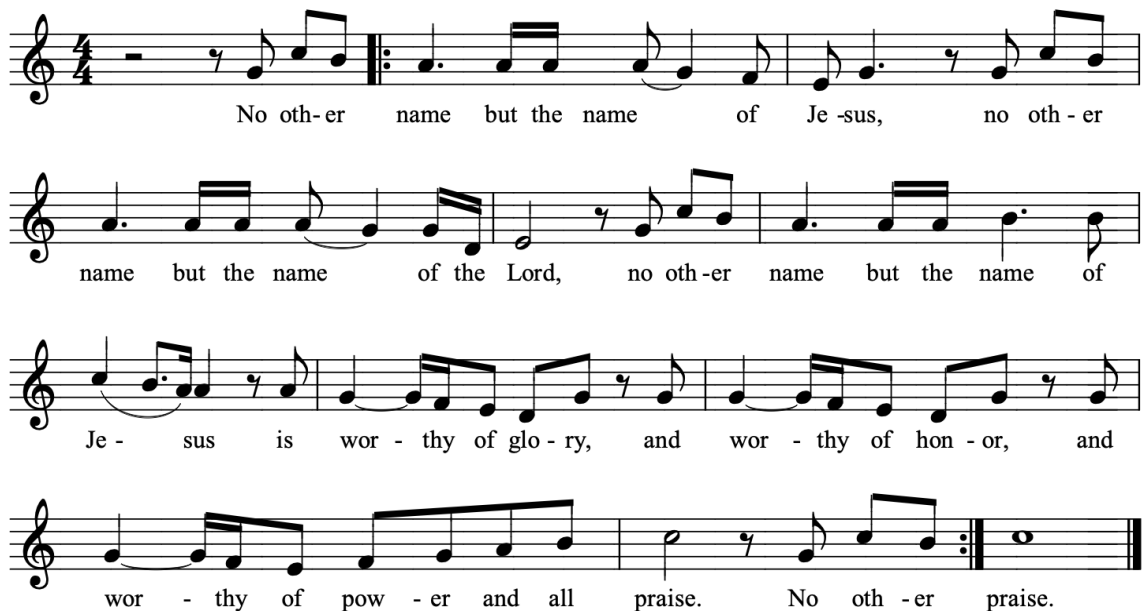


Praise the Name of Je - sus, Praise the Name of Je - sus.
Praise Your Name, Lord Je - sus, Praise Your Name, Lord Je - sus.

He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in
You're my Rock, You're my For tress, You're my De - liv - er - er, in

Him will I trust. Praise the Name of Je - - sus.
You will I trust. Praise Your Name, Lord Je - - sus.

CCLI Song #12712 Lic# 1693252 | 1976 Latter Rain Music



No oth-er name but the name of Je -sus, no oth - er
name but the name of the Lord, no oth-er name but the name of
Je - sus is wor - thy of glo - ry, and wor - thy of hon - or, and
wor - thy of pow - er and all praise. No oth - er praise.

CCLI Song#141793 Lic.#1693252 | 1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

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

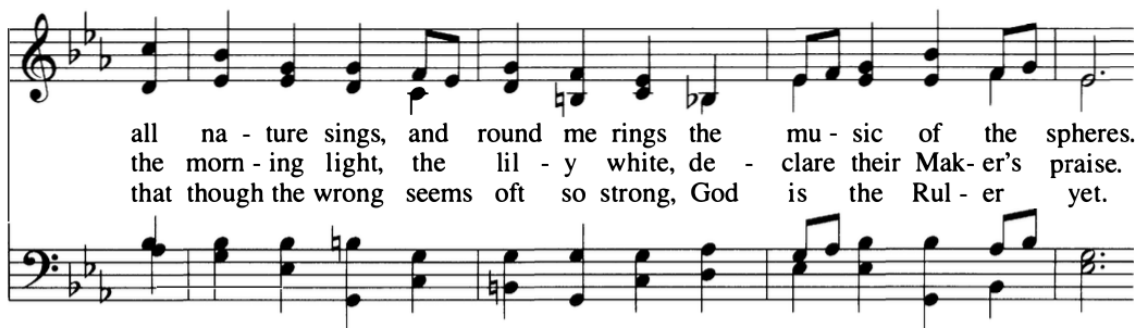
The Preaching of God's Word

PSALM 103:15-22 – GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE IS EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

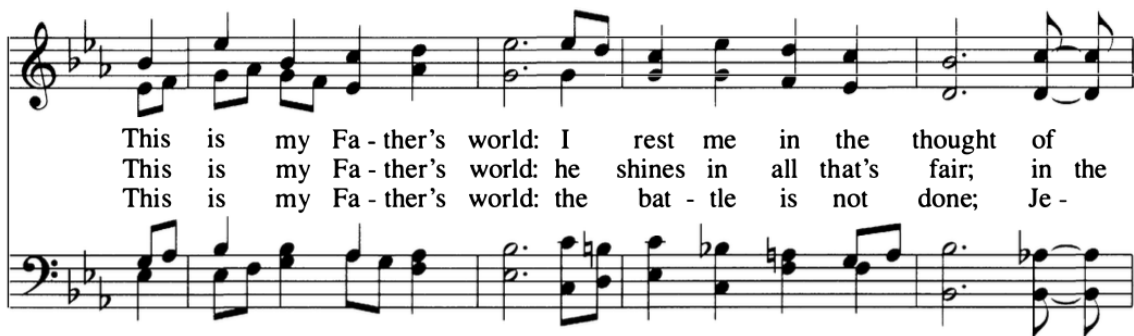
** This is My Father's World*



1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

*** Benediction: *Hebrews 13:20-21***

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*** *Threefold Amen***

*** 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 – Saudi Arabia

Saudis who come to faith in Christ face the death penalty if discovered; executions are definitely known to occur. Despite this, increasing numbers are secretly seeking and finding Jesus, and there are believers in every Saudi city. Pray for believers to persevere and even to multiply. Pray for a miracle - the legalization of Christianity for Saudis; pray that Saudi believers may be able to meet together in safety and have access to God's Word. Also pray that believers might find believing spouses.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #20

Question: *Are all men, then, saved by Christ as they have perished in Adam?*

Answer: No, only those who by true faith are ingrafted into Him and receive all His benefits (John 1:12–13; 1 Cor. 15:22; Ps. 2:12; Rom. 11:20; Heb. 4:2–3; Heb. 10:39).

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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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 September

Operational Budget

YTD Received: \$208,531.14
YTD Expenses: \$223,746.97
Budget YTD: -\$15,215.83

Building Fund

Building Need: \$117,662
Building Received: \$86,353.84
Building YTD: -\$31,308.16

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 joyfully encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word. May we glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Backpack Ministry. We are thrilled to provide 21 students at Central Elementary with food bags this year, starting October 14. A few children have food allergies, so an offering would be the best way to support this mission program.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes! The collection week is November 16-23. This year will mark our 15th year being a collection site. We thank God for such a wonderful opportunity. During the service on November 22, we will pray a dedication prayer over the boxes we have received. If you can help, please contact Sue Parker.

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. We have a few needs as we approach October 31! 1) We need 4-6 people at 12:30pm to help prepare food for the stew. If you can assist, fill out a Fall Fest sign-up sheet stating that you can help. 2) We need bake sale items such as cakes, cobblers, pies, breads, jams, brownies, etc. 3) We need canned drinks: Name Brand, of course! 4) We need Silent Auction items. If you think you have an item at home that is new or "like new" and you are no longer using it, please consider donating it to the Silent Auction.

Ordinary Means of Grace Sermon Series. From October 25-November 8, we will have a three-week sermon series on the ordinary means of grace: The Word and the Sacraments. You will want to join us for these services, which will include Takai Brown's covenant baptism on October 25 and partaking in the Lord's Supper on November 1.

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.