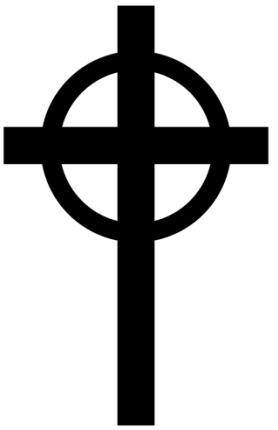

First Presbyterian Church

Christ is Preeminent

October 25, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

The Lord Jesus instituted two sacraments for His Church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These sacraments are "signs" and "seals" of the Covenant of Grace. As we look at Romans 6:3-5, let us consider our union with Jesus. Let us reflect on our bond with Christ, thank God for applying salvation to our hearts, and recognize how baptism, as a sign and seal, points to this wonderful reality.

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 2:11–12* *(Recite in Unison)*

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:4–6*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

* 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.**

* *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

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Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

* *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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Reading of the Law: ***Leviticus 19:2***

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin ***(Recite in Unison)***

O God the Father of mercy, so slow to anger with children so swift to sin—deal not with us according to our deserts, but open up to us the arms of your compassion, that what we have lost by our offenses we may recover by your mercies and walk from now on in your way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ *Bede*

Assurance of Pardon: ***Romans 8:31-34***

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

**** 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.

***** ***There is One Gospel***

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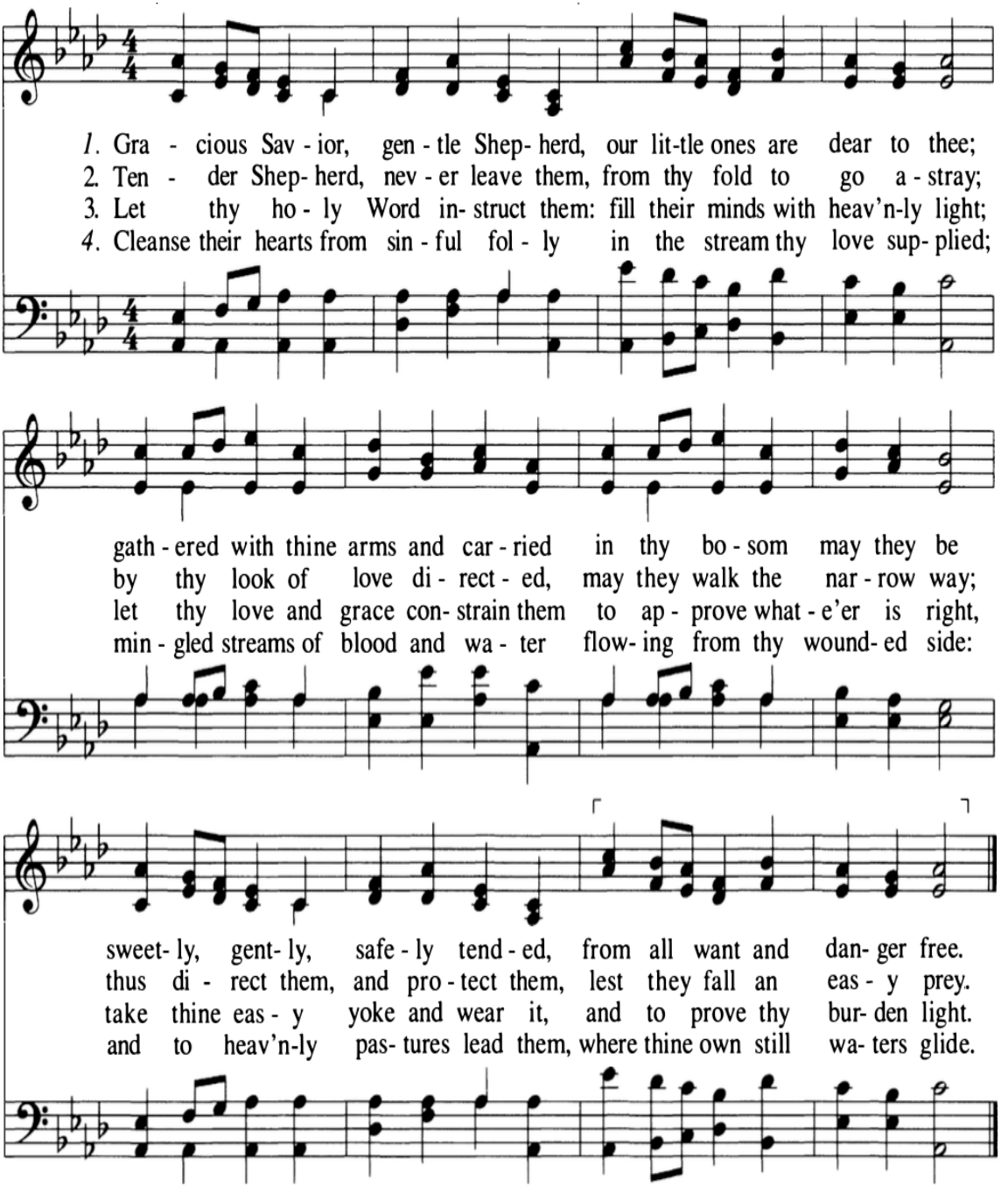
*** Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word**

The Preaching of God's Word

ROMANS 6:3-5 – BAPTISM AND OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

Covenant Baptism of Takai Brown

* *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd*



Jane E. Leeson, 1842
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William L. Viner, 1845

*** Benediction:** ***Ephesians 3:17-19***

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**** 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

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT WEEK

We are instructed to examine ourselves before partaking in the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:28). Let us consider these questions this week as we prepare ourselves:

1) Do I willfully practice any sin in rebellion against God?
2) Do I harbor hatred or envy toward my fellow believers or neighbors?
3) What is my motive for coming to the Lord's Table? Do I come to Christ by grace seeking spiritual nourishment, or do I come receiving material advantage?
4) Do I approach the table with a broken heart, knowing my sin, while also giving praise for God's glorious grace to me in Jesus Christ?

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 – Singapore

The Church in Singapore has grown steadily since 1970, especially among evangelical and charismatic groups. And while there are notable megachurches in Singapore, more remarkable is the impressive number of large, stable, growing, multi-congregational churches across the entirety of the denominational spectrum. Mission schools and effective campus ministries draw many of Singapore's educated people to faith. As a result, many believers have influence in society, as well as good opportunities as missionaries to work in professional roles around the world.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #21

Question: *What is true faith?*

Answer: True faith is not only a sure knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word (James 1:6), but also a hearty trust (Rom. 4:16–18; Rom. 5:1), which the Holy Ghost (2 Cor. 4:13; Phil. 1:19, 29) works in me by the Gospel (Rom. 1:16; 10:17), that not only to others, but to me also, forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation are freely given by God (Heb. 11:1–2; Rom. 1:17), merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits (Eph. 2:7–9; Rom. 3:24–25; Gal. 2:16; Acts 10:43).

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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November Birthdays
Nov. 3 Conner Carter
Nov. 8 Sue Harrison
Nov. 9 Mary Lynn Boyd
Nov. 10 Genevieve Critz, Kayla Martin
Nov. 19 Oaklyn Clark (Kayla)
Nov. 23 Mary Owens
Nov. 27 Gail "Bird" McSwain
Nov. 28 Ianna Milks
Nov. 29 Bruce Nooe

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 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

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 on Friday 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. 5) We need individuals to help set up the sanctuary for Fall Fest on Tuesday at 10:00am.

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.

Pastor Brad's Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation from November 9 to 24. If you have anything during this time, please contact a Ruling Elder. Pray for Paul Sasser and Bill Robertson as they lead the congregation in worship these weeks.

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.

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