



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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IN PREPARATION

The Lord's Supper is a precious sacrament in which we, as a congregation, are drawn up to Christ by the Holy Spirit for a meal with our Savior. Here, souls are nourished. Here, hearts are encouraged. Here we remember we come to our Redeemer by grace, needing grace. At the table, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. May God grant us faith this morning to taste and see how good Christ is 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: *Exodus 24:8*

(Recite in Unison)

And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 111:7–9*

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

* 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.

** Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.
 Philip P. Bliss, 1875

** Great Is The Lord*

Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true, by His mer - cy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise.
 Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of praise.

Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

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Reading of the Law: *Matthew 5:3-10*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your holy nativity, by your baptism, fasting, and temptations— deliver us, O Lord. By your agony and bloody sweat, by your cross and passions, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter—deliver us, O Lord. Amen.

~ *Martin Bucer*

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 4:24-25*

It (righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Choir: Holy Lamb of God

* 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.

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

* *His Mercy is More*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (three sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line having three verses and the second line having one verse. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are: 1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? 3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? His blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.

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Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Our sins, they are man-y, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,

his mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

new ev-'ry morn; our sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

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

The Preaching of God's Word

LUKE 22:14-23 – THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

** In Christ Alone*



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -





ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
his and he is mine— bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Arr. Ruth Coleman

* **Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26***

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

* ***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 – South Africa

Pray for all in government and leadership, that the priorities would be justice, righteousness, and economic improvement for all. In the 2024 election, the ANC lost its majority for the first time since apartheid ended - a sure sign that South Africans want change. Greater transparency, a more mature democracy, and free press, would all help combat corruption and deception. The nation faces high rates of rape and violent crime. The legacy of racism and injustice do not justify the lawlessness and wickedness evident. Pray that the spirit of violence, both physical and sexual, might be bound under the authority of Christ.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #22

Question: *What, then, is necessary for a Christian to believe?*

Answer: All that is promised us in the Gospel (John 20:31; Matt. 28:20), which the articles of our catholic, undoubted Christian faith teach us in summary.

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 encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word.

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.

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.

Women's Advent Study. We are pleased to announce a four-week-long Women's Advent study (*All Who Draw Near*) starting Monday, November 30, 2026. The study will be held at the Southards' home from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact Jessie Southard.

Special Thanksgiving Offering. Session asks that we prayerfully consider giving an offering, above and beyond our normal tithings and offerings. You may consider giving donations via our website, in cash/check, or in stocks/bonds. All gifts that are received will be applied directly to the principal of building loans. All donations should be labeled as "Thanksgiving Offering." This offering will take place on November 22, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad or Jennifer Shafer.

Christmas Decorations. Join us on Monday, November 23, from either 10:00am-12:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm as we decorate the sanctuary and gathering area for Christmas. If you are available to help, please contact Everall Peele.

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.