

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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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: *John 1:4-5*

(Recite in Unison)

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Introit & Silent Preparation

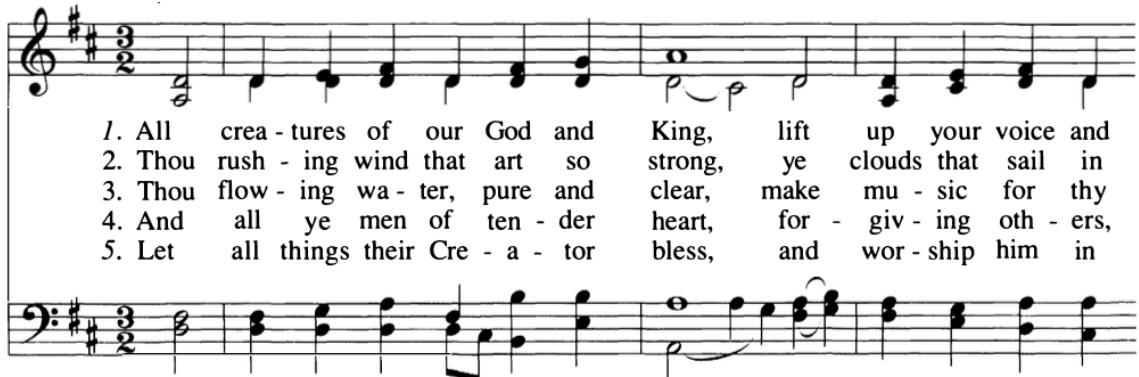
* Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 16:9-10*

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Congregational Hymn: *All Creatures of our God and King*

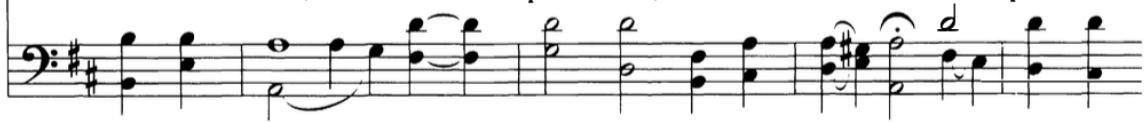


1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for giv-ing oth-ers,
5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him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

* Please stand if you are able.



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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LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

* Congregational Song: *When I Look into Your Holiness*

1. When I look in - to Your ho - li - ness, when I gaze in - to Your love - li -

4 F F/G C/E F F/G

ness, when all things that sur - round be - come shad - ows in the light of You.

VERSE 2

8 G F/G C F F/G

2. When I've found the joy of reach - ing Your heart, when my

11 C F F/G C/E

will be - comes en - thralled in Your love, when all things that sur - round be - come

CHORUS

14 F F/G Em/G F/G Gsus G Fmaj7

shad - ows in the light of You. I wor - ship You,

18 G/F Em7 Am7 Dm7 Dm7/G G

I wor - ship You. The rea - son I live is to wor - ship

23 Cmaj7 Dm7 Em7 G Fmaj7 G/F Em7

You. I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You.

28 Am7 Dm7 Dm7/G G Csus C

The rea - son I live is to wor - ship You. _____

Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 4:1-10*

How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed! The holy stones lie scattered at the head of every street. The precious sons of Zion, worth their weight in fine gold, how they are regarded as earthen pots, the work of a potter's hands! Even jackals offer the breast; they nurse their young; but the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. The tongue of the nursing infant sticks to the roof of its mouth for thirst; the children beg for food, but no one gives to them. Those who once feasted on delicacies perish in the streets; those who were brought up in purple embrace ash heaps. For the chastisement of the daughter of my people has been greater than the punishment of Sodom, which was overthrown in a moment, and no hands were wrung for her. Her princes were purer than snow, whiter than milk; their bodies were more ruddy than coral, the beauty of their form was like sapphire. Now their face is blacker than soot; they are not recognized in the streets; their skin has shriveled on their bones; it has become as dry as wood. Happier were the victims of the sword than the victims of hunger, who wasted away, pierced by lack of the fruits of the field. The hands of compassionate women have boiled their own children; they became their food during the destruction of the daughter of my people.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Spirit, have mercy upon us. Save us, good Lord, from our sin, from our errors, from all evil. Good Lord, deliver us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Joel 2:13*

(Recite in Unison)

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings (Pennies for Hunger)

Choir: Love Ran Red

*** The 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.

The Pastoral Prayer: *Psalm 105:3*

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

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***

* Congregational Hymn: *The Light of the World is Jesus*

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is in treble clef. The music is in common time (indicated by '6' over '8'). The lyrics are written below the music, corresponding to the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. The whole world was lost in the dark - ness of sin; the light of the
2. No dark - ness have we who in Je - sus a - bide, the light of the
3. Ye dwell - ers in dark - ness with sin - blind - ed eyes, the light of the
4. No need of the sun - light in heav - en, we're told, the light of the

world is Je - sus; like sun - shine at noon - day his glo - ry shone in,
world is Je - sus; we walk in the light when we fol - low our Guide,
world is Je - sus; go, wash at his bid - ding, and light will a - rise,
world is Je - sus; the Lamb is the light in the Cit - y of Gold,

the light of the world is Je - sus.
the light of the world is Je - sus.
the light of the world is Je - sus. Come to the light, 'tis
the light of the world is Je - sus.

shin-ing for thee; sweet-ly the light has dawned up-on me; once I was
 blind, but now I can see; the light of the world is Je-sus.

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

LIGHT OF THE WORLD 11.8.11.8.ref.
 Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 3:19-21 – PEOPLE LOVE THE DARKNESS RATHER THAN THE LIGHT

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;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He aescended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

* Congregational Hymn: *Praise the Savior Now and Ever*

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our
3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing
righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the stron - ger;
Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing,
 set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry he doth rise.
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

Venantius H. C. Fortunatus, ca. 530–609
 Tr. by Augustus Nelson, 1863–1949

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 Koralbok, 1697

* 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.

* 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.

* Postlude & Dismissal

While 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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

****If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at jhartley@fpceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Pat Morris
- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Billy Shafer
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor

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 – The Pacific

There is a need to revive a vision for evangelical cooperation and mission throughout Oceania. Vast geographical distances and the lack of unity and shared identity - especially between the many Pacific islands and the dominant Australia/New Zealand - are challenges. Yet determination still exists to foster unity and prophetic vision. Formerly it was through such entities as The Evangelical Fellowship of the South Pacific and the Deep Sea Canoe Movement, but today it continues in the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance Region, and the Pacific2Nations missions movement. Pray for rising levels of spiritual leadership and vision from the scattered islands of the vast Pacific.

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 March 1, 2025.

Session

Paul Sasser (2026)
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)
Kenny Mabe (2028)
Everall Peele (2028)
Bill Robertson (2028)
Jennifer Shafer (2028)
Pastor Brad Milks

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Ministries

Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am
Public Worship | Sunday 10:00am
The Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am
Women Bible Study | Thursday 6:45pm
Romans Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

Stewardship – 2025 Year

Operational Budget
YTD Received: \$295,650
YTD Expenses: \$291,103
Budget YTD: \$4,457

Building Fund
Building Need: \$181,567
Building Received: \$174,354
Building YTD -\$7,213

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)
Sunday, February 8, 2025

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 you have gathered with us this morning as we worship the living triune God! 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

Mission Mystery Auction & Covered Dish. Sunday, February 15, 2026, 5:00pm in the Gathering Area. Come join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and surprises. Bring your favorite dishes for dinner, which will be followed by our Mission Mystery Auction. The mystery is in the wrapped gifts auctioned off, sight unseen, by Linda Wyatt, our resident auctioneer. You may have some nice, but unwanted, Christmas gifts, but just remember that folks pay BIG BUCKS for those items. Profits from the Auction will go to the FPC Mission Fund, which supports our homegrown missionaries, Church Pantry, Student Backpack Program, and other special projects. If you can't attend but have gifts to be auctioned, you may bring your gifts to church on Sunday morning, February 15. Be sure to bring some cash or a checkbook to the auction because you will not be able to pass up these mystery items!

Stew and Bake Sale. The Stew and Bake Sale event is set for Saturday, February 14, 2026. Stew will be ready for pickup between 11:00am-1:00pm. Tickets are available today and will be on sale until the week of the Stew. Still \$9 a quart. We will also have a Bake Sale and are asking for baked goods and other items such as breads, jams, cookies, etc. to be brought on Friday, the 13th.

Souper Bowl Sunday. Many churches across our nation observe this. It is an opportunity to help feed the hungry in our community. Our youth will be standing by the Sanctuary door next Sunday to receive monetary donations and/or canned or packaged food. The need to feed the hungry is a continuous challenge. **Dry Goods:** cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, box dinners like Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Corn mix, Mac & Cheese boxes, Ramen Noodle packets, rice, pasta/egg noodles, dry beans. Canned Goods: corn, green beans, carrots, peas, pinto/Pork n' Beans, chili, canned pastas/pasta sauce, other beans, peanut butter. **Fruit:** pineapple, pears, peaches, mandarin oranges, non-tropical fruit cocktail, applesauce, non-cream soups. **Meat:** tuna, salmon, chicken, corned beef, SPAM.

Building/Property Committee. We are looking for individuals who would desire to be a part of the Building/Property Committee. If you are interested in serving in this role, please speak with Bruce Nooe about the qualifications for membership and the committee's responsibilities.

Outreach/Mission Committee. There will be a committee meeting on February 10 at 4:00pm in the missions room.

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.