

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

February 15, 2026

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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: *Revelation 21:2*

(Recite in Unison)

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 84:1–2*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Please stand if you are able.

* Congregational Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scap - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

* Congregational Song: *I Love You Lord/I Stand in Awe*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship You; O my soul re - joice! Take
joy, my King, in what You hear; May it be a
sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

You are beau - ti - ful be - yond de - scrip - tion, too
mar - ve - lous for words. Too wond - der - ful for com - pre - hen - sion, Like
noth - ing ev - er seen or heard. Who can grasp Your in - fi - nite wis -
dom, who can fath - om the depth of Your love? You are

beau - ti - ful be - yond de - scrip - tion, maj- es - ty en throned a - bov -

And I stand, I stand in awe of You, I stand, I stand in

awe of You; Ho - ly God to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 4:11-16*

The Lord gave full vent to his wrath; he poured out his hot anger, and he kindled a fire in Zion that consumed its foundations. The kings of the earth did not believe, nor any of the inhabitants of the world, that foe or enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem. This was for the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed in the midst of her the blood of the righteous. They wandered, blind, through the streets; they were so defiled with blood that no one was able to touch their garments. “Away! Unclean!” people cried at them. “Away! Away! Do not touch!” So they became fugitives and wanderers; people said among the nations, “They shall stay with us no longer.” The Lord himself has scattered them; he will regard them no more; no honor was shown to the priests, no favor to the elders.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 40:1-2*

(Recite in Unison)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: By Faith

* 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: *1 Peter 2:11-12*

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

The Lord's Prayer

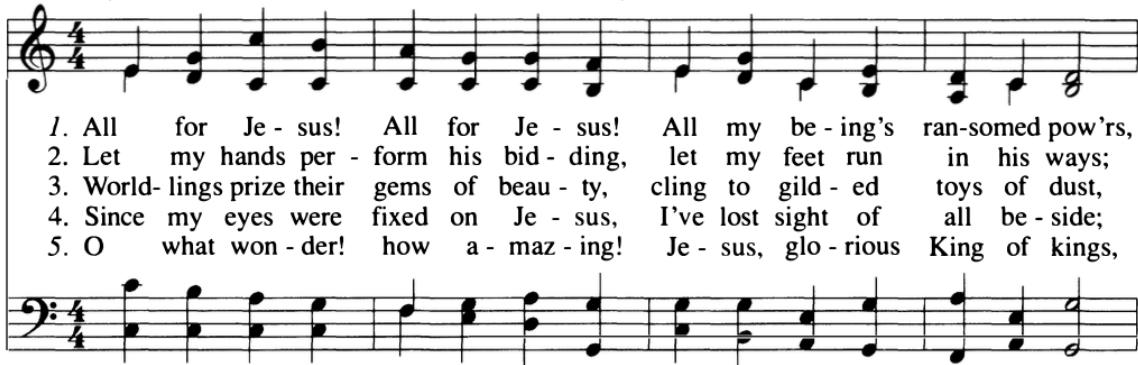
(Recite in Unison)

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

* Congregational Hymn: *All for Jesus*



1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran-somed pow'r's,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World-lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.
John Stainer. *The Crucifixion*, 1887.

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 3:22-30 – JESUS ALONE BRINGS TRUE PURIFICATION

* Congregational Hymn: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

1. I will sing of my Re - deemer and His wondrous
 2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry how, my lost es -
 3. I will praise my dear Re - deemer; His tri - umphant
 4. I will sing of my Re - deemer and His heaven-ly

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love to me; On the cru - el cross He suf - fered
 tate to save, In His boundless love and mer - cy
 power I'll tell, How the vic - to - ry He giv - eth
 love for me; He from death to life hath brought me,

13 *chorus*

from the curse to set me free.
 He the ran-som free - ly gave. Sing, O sing of my Re-
 o - ver sin and death and hell.
 Son of God, with Him to be.

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deemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He

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sealed my par - don, Paid the debt and made me free.

WORDS: Philip P. Bliss

MUSIC (HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7. with Chorus): Rowland H. Prichard

*** Benediction: *Jude 24-25***

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*** 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 – Angola

Angola continues on the long road to recovery after the devastation of forty years of almost constant war. Innocent civilians suffered the most. The spiraling cost of living in the capital city (due to oil money) is in stark contrast to the deep poverty of most rural areas, as the gap between the rich and poor gets wider and wider. 15 million people live in extreme poverty; rural areas are the most affected. Pray that the Church will continue to be at the forefront of combatting not just poverty, but the trauma that millions suffered during the decades of violence and destruction.

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)
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, March 1, 2025

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!

Ash Wednesday Service. We will hold our Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday at 6:00pm. The sermon text will be Romans 5:18-21, and the sermon title is, "What one man did to us, and what one Man did for us."

Beth Chandler Retirement Lunch. Join us immediately after the service on February 22, 2026, for a covered dish lunch as we celebrate Beth's retirement. We look forward to celebrating with her. We are so appreciative of her service to our church!

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.