

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: *1 John 5:12*

(Recite in Unison)

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Introit & Silent Preparation

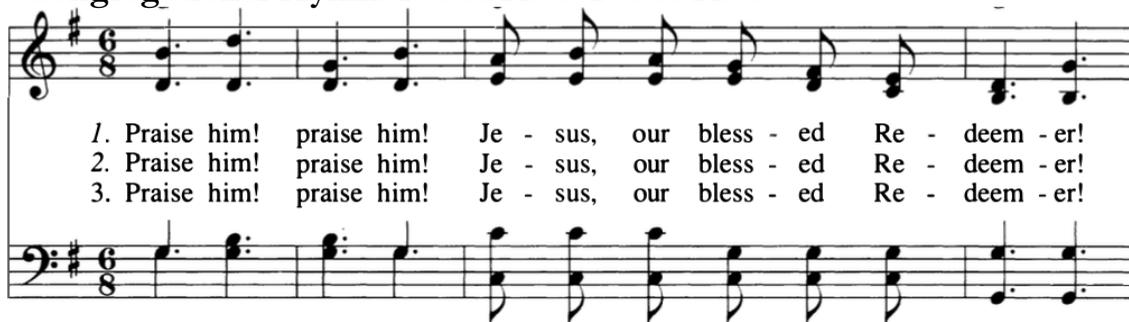
* Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 16:23-24*

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Congregational Hymn: *Praise Him! Praise Him!*



1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

* Please stand if you are able.

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

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Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1869

JOYFUL SONG Irreg.
 Chester G. Allen, 1869

* Congregational Song: *Revelation Song*

1..Wor - thy is the Lamb Who was slain Ho - ly, ho - ly is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heav - en's mer - cy seat.

CHORUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y, Who was and is and is to come.



With all cre a -tion I sing praise to the King of kings; You are my ev -ry - thing and

I will a- dore You. 2..Clothed in rain - bows of liv -ing col - or

flash - es of light - ning, rolls of thun -der; Bless - ing and hon - or, strength and

glo - ry and pow - er be to You the on - ly wise King

3..Filled with won -der, awe - struck won -der, at the men -tion of Your name;

Je - sus, Your name is pow -er, breath and liv -ing wat -er, such a mar - v'lous mys -ter -y.

Reading of Scripture: *Lamentations 4:17-22*

Our eyes failed, ever watching vainly for help; in our watching we watched for a nation which could not save. They dogged our steps so that we could not walk in our streets; our end drew near; our days were numbered, for our end had come. Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles in the heavens; they chased us on the mountains; they lay in wait for us in the wilderness. The breath of our nostrils, the Lord's anointed, was captured in their pits, of whom we said, "Under his shadow we shall live among the nations." Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, you who dwell in the land of Uz; but to you also the cup shall pass; you shall become drunk and strip yourself bare. The punishment of your iniquity, O daughter of Zion, is accomplished; he will keep you in exile no longer; but your iniquity, O daughter of Edom, he will punish; he will uncover your sins.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin

(Recite in Unison)

O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to you, there for the first time I see myself. In your light, I behold my darkness. In your purity, I behold my corruption. My very confession of sin is the fruit of holiness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Ephesians 1:7*

(Recite in Unison)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Choir: Jesus, Name Above All Names

* 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: *Psalms 119:10*

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!

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: *Shout to the Lord*



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like You. All of my days,



I want to praise the won - ders of Your might - y love. My com - fort,

my shel-ter, tow-er of ref - uge and strength; Let ev -ry breath, all that I am,
nev -er cease to wor -ship You. Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
let us sing, Pow-er and maj - es -ty, praise to the King.
Moun -tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your
name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, for - ev -er I'll love You, for - ev
- er I'll stand, noth -ing com - pares to the prom -ise I have in You.

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

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 3:31-36 – JESUS, LOVED BY THE FATHER, IS ABOVE ALL

* Congregational Hymn: *Rejoice the Lord is King*

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

*** Benediction: *Philippians 4:7***

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*** 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@jpcden.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 – Antigua and Barbuda

Antiguans are almost all Christian by background, including many evangelicals, but complacency prevails in the face of serious moral and spiritual challenges. Pray for revival that galvanizes Christians to prayer, and for involvement that impacts their society.

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 – January 30, 2026

Operational Budget

YTD Received \$17,896
YTD Expenses \$25,060
Budget YTD -\$7,164

Building Fund

Building Need: \$15,131
Building Received: \$22,599
Building YTD \$7,468

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

Beth Chandler Retirement Lunch. Join us immediately after the service today 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!

Called Congregational Meeting. Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following the service next Sunday, March 1, 2026. The purpose of the congregational meeting will be to elect the officers of the corporation: 1) President, 2) Secretary, and 3) Treasurer.

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.