

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 10 am

*"O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive,
so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help." (Psalm 86:5)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Let all that we are praise the LORD;
with our whole hearts, we will praise his holy name.

Let all that we are praise the LORD;
may we never forget the good things he does for me.

He forgives all our sins
and heals all our diseases.

He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.

For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

He redeems us from death
and crowns us with love and tender mercies.

He fills our lives with good things.
Our youth is renewed like the eagle's!

The love of the LORD remains forever;
Let all that we are praise the LORD!

Based on Psalm 103.

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HYMN #138: *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(You are invited to join in unison with the pastor, or to follow along in silence)

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We come now with sorrow for our past
 and a deep commitment to conform to your holiness in the future.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name.

Adapted from Book of Common Prayer, "A Penitential Order: Rite One"

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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I MUST TELL JESUS

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
 I cannot bear these burdens alone;
 In my distress He kindly will help me,
 He ever loves and cares for His own.

*I must tell Jesus,
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 I cannot bear my burdens alone.
 I must tell Jesus,
 I must tell Jesus,
 Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,
 He is a kind compassionate friend;
 If I but ask Him He will deliver,
 Make of my troubles quickly an end. *[Refrain]*

Tempted and tried I need a great Savior,
 One who can help my burdens to bear;
 I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,
 He all my cares and sorrows will share. *[Refrain]*

"I Must Tell Jesus" by Elisha Albright Hoffman.

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: "Confession is Good for the Soul"

Psalm 51:1–17

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

- Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.
- ² Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.
- ³ For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.
- ⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.
- ⁵ For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb,
teaching me wisdom even there.
- ⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.
- ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.
- ¹³ Then I will teach your ways to rebels,
and they will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.
- ¹⁵ Unseal my lips, O Lord,
that my mouth may praise you.
- ¹⁶ You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.

You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

1 John 1:5–2:2

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶ So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷ But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

²¹ My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. ² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

Change my heart O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God,
May I be like You.

Change my heart O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O oh God,
May I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God,
May I be like You.

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
 It is well, It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, Tho' trials should come;
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *[Refrain]*

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought—
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
 Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul. *[Refrain]*
 And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
 The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
 Even so it is well with my soul. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Oct. 28	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Oct. 29	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30) Soup and Study: “ <i>Name Above All Names</i> ” Coffee and Study (1:00 pm) Soup and Study (6:00 pm)
Friday, Oct. 31	Halloween “Coffee for Parents” (5:00–8:00)
Sunday, Nov. 2	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	Coffee and Study/Soup and Study continues Wednesday evenings through November 19 Sunday, November 23: Thanksgiving Potluck with Korean Congregation

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