

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 10 am

"This man truly was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We come together on this Sunday morning,
to remember and celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

Instead, he emptied Himself completely,
not only taking on human form, but the form of a slave.

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.

So God raised Him up with great honor,
and gave Him a name above all other names,
that at the name of Jesus everyone—
in heaven and on earth and even under the earth—
might bow down,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

This is our God—
the God we have come to worship!

Based on Philippians 2:5-11.

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CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death
 Christ alone Christ alone
 What is our only confidence
 That our souls to Him belong
 Who holds our days within His hand
 What comes apart from His command
 And what will keep us to the end
 The love of Christ in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise
 Who stands above the stormy trial
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ. *[Refrain]*

Unto the grave what will we sing
 Christ He lives Christ He lives
 And what reward will heaven bring
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore. *[Refrain]*

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"What Happened When Jesus Died"*

Luke 23:32–43

Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him.³³ When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

³⁵ The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers

mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. ³⁷ They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

⁴³ And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Matthew 27:45–54

At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. ⁴⁶ At about three o’clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

⁴⁷ Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. ⁴⁸ One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. ⁴⁹ But the rest said, “Wait! Let’s see whether Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰ Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, ⁵² and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. ⁵³ They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴ The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons’ provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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HYMN #98: O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain:
 Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor,
 Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee, dearest friend,
 For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end?
 O make me Thine forever;
 And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never
 Outlive my love to Thee.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
 and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and then partake of it in unison.*

Our communion bread is gluten-free,

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ his only 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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he will 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.*

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HYMN #379: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, August 5	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30) National Night Out BBQ/Picnic (6:00–7:30)
Wednesday, August 6	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Saturday, August 9	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, August 10	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	August 13: Lawn Concert with Don Stone Trio (6:30–8:00)

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