

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 10 am

"O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple." (Psalms 48:9)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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IN MY LIFE, LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified Today.

In our songs, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified;
In our songs, Lord, be glorified Today.

In our words, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified;
In our words, Lord, be glorified Today.

In your church, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified Today.

*"In My Life Lord Be Glorified" by Bob Kilpatrick.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

God has called us.

We have come to worship our God
who is worthy of our praise and honor.

May we come in awe at God's greatness,
reverence for the splendor of God's holiness
thanksgiving for God's goodness,
and amazement that God cares for us, and reaches out to us.

Let's worship God!

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HYMN #487: *WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES*

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let air and sea and sky, From depth to height reply:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Be this the eternal song, Through all the ages long:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Holy, almighty, God,
 we know that we fail you more often than we realize.
 We do not love as we should.
 We too often forget your excelling love.
 We do not love those around us as you command.
We ignore those in need, figuring we are too busy, and it isn't our problem.

Forgive us for not looking at the world as you look at it,
 thus failing to see you in it.
 Forgive us for not loving the world as you love it,
 thus failing to love you.
 Forgive us for not being seekers of justice and givers of mercy,
 thus turning away from you.
 Forgive us for forgetting you.

Holy, almighty, God,
 we know that we fail you more often than we realize.
 We do not love as we should.
 In your mercy and grace, forgive us, Lord—
 and cleanse us that we might enjoy the fellowship of your friendship.

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

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HYMN #376: *LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find that second rest;
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee;
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Our Meeting Together"*

Hebrews 10:19–25

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another

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.*

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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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HYMN #423: JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
 Does its successive journeys run,
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
 And praises throng to crown His head;
 His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
 With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
 Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
 And infant voices shall proclaim
 Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
 The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
 The weary find eternal rest,
 And all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
 Peculiar honors to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the loud amen!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Oct. 1	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, Oct. 5	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	Spaghetti Dinner / Craft Fair Fundraiser (Saturday, October 25) Halloween “Coffee for Parents” (Friday, October 31)

As we approach our Spaghetti Dinner / Craft Fair we have a quilt made and donated by Mert Turner that is being offered through a raffle. Tickets are available from Margo or the church office. You can see the quilt hanging on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets for the dinner are now available as well. Get your ticket from the church office—and get some more to sell to your friends and family! All proceeds from the dinner and the craft sale will support homeless ministries here in Aberdeen.

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