

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 10 am

"Let the godly sing for joy to the LORD; it is fitting for the pure to praise him." (Psalm 33:1)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace. *[Refrain]*

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
Sing about the glory of his name!
Tell the world how glorious he is.

Come and see what our God has done;
By his great power he rules forever.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
shouting your name in glorious songs."

Let us bless our God
and loudly sing his praises.
Our lives are in his hands,
and he cares for us with his unfailing love.

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

Based on Psalm 66:1–9.

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HYMN #356: COME THOU FOUNT

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Creator God, you have filled the world with rhythm and melody —
the wind's song, the sea's rhythm, the laughter of your people.

You have given us music as a gift to praise you,
to comfort one another, and to remind us of your beauty.

Yet we confess that we often take this gift for granted,
and we often fall silent.

We forget that every voice can worship,
that every note can glorify you.

Forgive us, Lord, when we silence the songs of joy
with our cynicism, or indifference, or self-consciousness.

Forgive us when we withhold our voices in worship
because of pride, fear, or distraction.

Forgive us when we make music about performance instead of praise,
about ourselves instead of you.

Renew in us a spirit that delights in every sound that gives you glory.

Teach us again to make melody in our hearts to you,
to join creation's chorus of praise,
and to use every note of our lives
to honor the One who gives us song.

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

SEARCH ME, O GOD

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise you, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill your word and make me pure within;
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify your name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with your great love divine;
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

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CHOIR: HE IS THE ROCK

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: "Sing to the Lord"

Psalm 98

A psalm.

Sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has done wonderful deeds.

His right hand has won a mighty victory;
his holy arm has shown his saving power!

² The LORD has announced his victory
and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!

³ He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel.
The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break out in praise and sing for joy!

⁵ Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song,
⁶ with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn.

Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!

⁷ Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
Let the earth and all living things join in.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands in glee!
Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the LORD,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice,
and the nations with fairness.

Psalms 150

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heaven!

² Praise him for his mighty works;
praise his unequalled greatness!

³ Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn;
praise him with the lyre and harp!

⁴ Praise him with the tambourine and dancing;
praise him with strings and flutes!

⁵ Praise him with a clash of cymbals;
praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

Ephesians 5:1–2, 15–20

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. . . .

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.
¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 #280: AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
Wednesday, Oct. 22	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, Oct. 26	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	Spaghetti Dinner / Craft Fair Fundraiser (Saturday, October 25) Halloween "Coffee for Parents" (Friday, October 31)

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