

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 10 am

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:4)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN #476: *O WORSHIP THE KING* (verses 1–2, 4–5)

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

We come shaped by a society that so often
notices and rewards the loud and the forceful.

We come with the anxieties of living in a competitive world.

We come assured that we have to grab—and hold onto—our "rights."

And so we come this morning:
seeking the Father's promise,
following the Son's example,
and opening ourselves to the Spirit's gentle guidance.

And we rest in the assurance that the Lord lifts up the downtrodden
and guides the humble in what is right.

Let us worship the Triune God—
the Father who promises the kingdom,
the Son who embodies the kingdom among us,
and the Spirit who leads us toward its fullness.

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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]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

God of patience and promise,
we confess our hunger for power and our desire to be right.
We so often push our way to the front, demand our rights,
and use our words to diminish others.

We are not meek;
we struggle to trust your timing,
to yield to your will,
to follow your way instead of our own.

We find it difficult to trust that the gentle
will inherit anything in this competitive world.
Forgive us, Lord.

Renew our hearts with humility;
teach us to live with gentleness and trust;
and shape us by your Spirit into people of patience and peace.

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

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YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
 There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
 My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
 To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to his
 Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
 Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
 For by my side the Saviour he will stay
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
 For in my need his power is displayed
 To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
 Through the deepest valley he will lead
 Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
 Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
 The future sure the price it has been paid
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
 And he was raised to overthrow the grave
 To this I hold my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
 Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
 For he has said that he will bring me home
 And day by day I know he will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne
 To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to him
 When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Finding God's Blessing in Surprising Places:
 The Meek"*

Matthew 5:1–5

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Psalm 37:3–11

Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.

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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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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DAY BY DAY

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Feb. 11	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Thursday, Feb. 12	Session (7:00 pm)
Saturday, Feb. 14	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, Feb. 15	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	February 18: Ash Wednesday Service (Fellowship Meal at 6:00; Service at 6:30)
	March 1: Worshipping with United Christian Church to dedicate their renewed facility, 300 West 1 st St, Aberdeen (10.50 am)
	March 4, 11, 18, 25: Coffee and Study (1:00 in Fellowship Hall) Soup and Study (6:00 in Fellowship Hall)

Our church is going to be starting a medical equipment lending “closet” to provide free medical equipment to those who need such assistance. If you have equipment you are not using that you’d like out of your attic, or garage, or basement, we’d be happy to take it off your hands—and help it become an aid to someone else. You can drop it off, talk to Fred Hall, or call the office.

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