

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10 am

"All the believers were united in heart and mind." (Acts 4:32)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice:

*Behold our God seated on His throne:
Come let us adore Him;
Behold our King nothing can compare:
Come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *[Refrain]*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Listen to our voice this morning, LORD.
Each morning we bring our requests to you and wait expectantly.

Because of your unfailing love, we can enter your house;
we worship you with deepest awe.

Lead us in the right path, O LORD,
Make your way plain for us to follow.

May all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them sing joyful praises forever.

Spread your protection over us,
that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

You bless the godly, O LORD;
you surround us with your shield of love.

Let's worship God with our songs, our prayers,
and as we listen to his word.

Based on Psalm 5:3, 7–8, 11–12.

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HYMN #361: *HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

From Psalm 51:1-4, 9-10, 12.

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

CHOIR: LORD, MAKE US WORTHY

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"When a Growing Church Has Growing Pains"*

Acts 4:32–37

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

³⁶ For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. ³⁷ He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.

Acts 5:12–14, 17–21

The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. ¹⁴ Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women. . . .

¹⁷ The high priest and his officials, who were Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out. Then he told them, ²⁰ "Go to the Temple and give the people this message of life!"

²¹ So at daybreak the apostles entered the Temple, as they were told, and immediately began teaching.

Acts 5:41–6:7

The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. ⁴² And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah."

¹ But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food.

² So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. ³ And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. ⁴ Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word."

⁵ Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas

of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). ⁶ These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them.

⁷ So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

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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MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self-abasing:
This is victory.

May we run the race before us,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As we onward go.

BENEDICTION *AND* POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Oct. 14	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, Oct. 18	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	October 21 – November 18: Coffee/Soup and Study (Wed. study series, 1:00/6:00 pm) <i>The Goodness of God: Learning to Notice God's Grace</i> Friday, October 31, 5:00–8:00: Halloween “Coffee for Parents” Saturday, November 7, 5:00–7:00: Spaghetti Dinner/Craft Fair Fundraiser

Our church uses *two* email lists. One is for email about the church (services, events, general information, usually once a week), the other is to share prayer requests, and prayer updates. If you're not hearing from us, we'd love to keep in touch. Shoot an email to ***office@aberdeenpres.org*** to ask to be added to one or the other—or both!

Church Financial Update (through September)

Actual Expenses to Date: \$ 163,193 Giving to Date: \$129,280

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