

# *Worship at First Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 10 am*

*"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE

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### *JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS*

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Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All I am, and have, and ever hope to be;  
Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All I am, and have, and ever hope to be.  
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans,  
I surrender these into Your hands;  
All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans,  
I surrender these into Your hands.

*For it's only in Your will that I am free;  
For it's only in Your will that I am free.*

(x2)

Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All I am, and have, and ever hope to be.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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We do not know what the coming week will bring—  
But we trust the One who walks beside us.

Some days may bring joy and laughter;  
others may bring challenge or pain—  
Yet in all things, God's presence will meet us there.

We are not promised certainty,  
but we are promised faithfulness.

We are not promised ease,  
but we are promised love that does not fail,  
and light enough for the next step.

We are promised God's grace.

The love of God surrounds us,  
the peace of Christ strengthens us,  
the Spirit of life empowers us.

So let us lift our hearts in hope and gratitude—  
and worship the God who holds tomorrow,  
and holds us fast today.

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### THE LOVE OF GOD

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The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

*O love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—  
the saints and angels song.*

When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—the saints and angels song. *[Refrain]*

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *[Refrain]*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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Holy and gracious God,  
we come before you acknowledging  
that we do not always trust the path you set before us.  
When the way is uncertain, we cling to control.  
When life feels fragile, we forget your care.  
When we face the needs of others,  
we often turn inward instead of outward.

Forgive us, Lord,  
for our fear, our impatience, and our self-reliance.  
Forgive us for living only *part* of our lives for you,  
and for neglecting the call to love, serve, and care in *all* that we do.

Renew us by your Spirit,  
so that our hearts, minds, and hands may be wholly yours.  
Teach us to offer every act, every word, every choice  
as a response of faithful obedience,  
**so that our lives reflect your love, justice, and mercy**  
in work and rest, in home and community,  
in thought, in word, in deed.

In the quiet of your mercy, restore to us the joy of trust,  
the courage of wholehearted obedience,  
and the peace of your abiding presence.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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### WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

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Wonderful merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men;  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise;  
You are the One we adore;  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way;  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *[Refrain]*

Almighty, infinite, Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us,  
Falling before Your throne;  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *[Refrain]*

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### READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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#### Sermon: "Whole Life Worship"

Romans 6:13, 12:1–2

Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. . . . And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Psalms 50: 14–15, 23

Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God,  
and keep the vows you made to the Most High.

Then call on me when you are in trouble,  
and I will rescue you,  
and you will give me glory." . . .  
Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me.  
If you keep to my path,  
I will reveal to you the salvation of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:17, 23; 1 Corinthians 10:31

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. . . . Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. . . . So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Philippians 1:11

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

1 Peter 4:11

Do [everything] with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

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#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*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

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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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#### HYMN #391: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

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Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

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| TODAY              | Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tuesday, Nov. 18   | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)<br>Worship at Channel Point (10:30)<br>Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday, Nov. 19 | Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)<br>Soup and Study: <i>The Names of Jesus: Name Above All Names</i><br>Coffee and Study (1:00 pm)<br>Soup and Study (6:00 pm)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday, Nov. 20  | Session—with Deacons (7:00 pm)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sunday, Nov. 23    | Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor)<br>Joint Sunday Worship with First United Church (10:00 Sanctuary)<br>Thanksgiving Potluck (after the service)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| LOOKING AHEAD      | <i>Advent, and Christmas, is coming!</i><br><i>Here's what will be going on at First Presbyterian Church</i><br>November 30: First Sunday of Advent<br>December 6: Greening of the Church (9:00 am)<br>Christmas Open House and Tree Lighting (6:30 pm)<br>December 7: Second Sunday of Advent<br>December 14: Third Sunday of Advent<br>December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent<br>Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service (5:00 pm)<br>December 24: Family Christmas Eve Service (5:00 pm)<br>Traditional Candlelight Service (10:00 pm) |

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