

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 10 am

*"Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise." (Psalm 100: 2, 4)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we are share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name,
one Lord,
for one cause,
with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth
and the depth and the love of Christ,
forever and ever. Amen.

Adapted from the Belhar Confession.

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BIND US TOGETHER

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken;
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God;
There is only one King;
There is only one body;
That is why we can sing. *[Refrain]*

Made for the glory of God;
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean;
For Jesus the vict'ry has won. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created and have their being.

You are worthy of our worship, Lamb of God,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!

Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:9-10, 12, 13

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HYMN #485: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

CHOIR: IF WE WILL SEEK THE LORD

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: "*Such People May Seek You . . .*"

Psalms 24:1–6

A psalm of David.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.

² For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas
and built it on the ocean depths.

³ Who may climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols and never tell lies.

⁵ They will receive the LORD's blessing
and have a right relationship with God their savior.

⁶ Such people may seek you and worship in your presence,
O God of Jacob.

Psalms 100

A psalm of thanksgiving.

¹ Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

² Worship the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.

³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God!
He made us, and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good.
His unfailing love continues forever,
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Ephesians 2:18 and 3:12

Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. . . . Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and then partake of it in unison.*

Our communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Wednesday, Oct. 8	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Thursday, Oct. 9	Session (7:00 pm)
Saturday, Oct. 11	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, Oct. 12	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)
LOOKING AHEAD	Spaghetti Dinner/Craft Fair Fundraiser (Saturday, October 25) Halloween "Coffee for Parents" (Friday, October 31)

Our Spaghetti dinner/craft fair requires *LOTS* of volunteers—and signing up makes it *SO MUCH* easier for us to make sure everything is prepared and planned.

If you can help, *please sign up* on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!

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