

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 10 am

*"Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.
Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:37, 105)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Oh Lord, your Word is a wonder and we follow in delight.
Your revelation is a shining light, giving understanding to the simple.
Our mouths are dry and we thirst, yearning for your wisdom.
Turn and look us with grace, as you do with those who love you.
Keep our steps on your path, and do not let sin get the better of us.
Save us from oppression so that we may follow you freely.
Accept, Lord, our offering of praise, and teach us your word.

Let us worship our Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Come let us adore him!

Based on Psalm 119:126-136.

CHOIR: *COME THOU FOUNT*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Merciful Lord,
we confess the many ways in which we have sinned.

We have hidden from the light of Your Word
and have run from Your ways and Your commands.

We often choose the ways of the world,
rather than the path You set before us.

We have neglected the teaching and hearing of Your Word.
The slavery of sin holds us down and we cannot free ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord.

Renew us, lead us, guide us, and help us
to be committed to obedience to your word,
to delight in Your will,
and to walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.

Hear now our personal and silent confessions

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

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SPEAK, O LORD

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word;
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith;
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise;
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority;
Words of power that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord and renew our minds;
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
 That will echo down through eternity.
 And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
 And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
 Speak O Lord till Your church is built,
 And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Prepared and Equipped for Every Good Work"*

2 Peter 1:19-21

Because of [our] experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Romans 15:4 (*slightly adapted*)

Those things written in the Scriptures long ago are there to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

Psalms 119:105, 18, 34-35

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
 and a light for my path.

Open my eyes to see
 the wonderful truths in your instructions.

Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions;
 I will put them into practice with all my heart.

Make me walk along the path of your commands,
 for that is where my happiness is found.

Psalm 119:89, Isaiah 40:8

Your eternal word, O LORD,
stands firm in heaven.

The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the word of our God stands forever.

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

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Nov. 12	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30) Soup and Study: <i>The Names of Jesus: Name Above All Names</i> Coffee and Study (1:00 pm) Soup and Study (6:00 pm)
Sunday, Nov. 16	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	Coffee and Study/Soup and Study continues Wednesdays, at 1:00 and 6:00, through November 19 Sunday, November 23: Combined service with United Christian Church, followed by a Thanksgiving potluck

Church Financial Update (through October)

Actual Expenses to Date: \$175,652 Giving to Date: \$163,889
Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our church and its mission!

The church office will be closed all of this coming week while the Light family are in Hong Kong to celebrate Aries' niece's wedding. If you need access, contact Chuck on his cell.

We are pleased to announce that the first-floor *WOMEN'S RESTROOM* is now open with *much* more accessible facilities (enlarged stalls, extra-height toilets, and an easier to use faucet). With the women's restroom completed we would like to designate the restroom across from the offices as the *MEN'S RESTROOM* (and for wheelchair access).

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