

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10 am

"I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ.

It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes . . ." (Romans 1:16)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HOLY, MIGHTY, WORTHY

Holy, holy, holy.
Seraph choirs extol Thee;
Bending wings they humbly sing of Thy lofty majesty.
Thou alone art holy;
Who on earth is like Thee,
Grant that we like Thee may be:
holy, holy, holy.

Mighty, mighty, mighty.
Sun and stars declare Thee;
All creation joins to sing of Thy pow'r and deity.
Thou alone art mighty;
Naught was made without Thee,
Grant that we Thy pow'r may see:
Mighty, mighty, mighty.

Worthy, worthy, worthy.
Saints in heav'n exalt Thee;
Lamb once slain now raised to reign,
Savior Judge and conq-ring King.
Thou alone art worthy;
All was made to please Thee;
Grant that we in heav'n may sing:
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

Glory, glory, glory.
We Thy church adore Thee.
Called by grace to bring Thee praise,
Trophies of Thy pow'r to save.
None shall share Thy glory;
All shall bow before Thee;
Father Son and Spirit One:
Glory, glory, glory.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We gather today to worship the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth,
the One who rules with justice, mercy, and unfailing love.

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer of all life.

In Christ, we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of sins, and the hope of eternal life.

We confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and we proclaim His Kingdom until He comes again.

The Spirit is here, calling us to faith,
uniting us as the Body of Christ, and sending us to serve the world.

Come, let us worship our God—
faithful and true, from everlasting to everlasting!

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HYMN #460: *HOLY GOD WE PRAISE YOUR NAME*

Holy God, we praise Your Name;
Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain
As Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name You,
While in essence only One;
Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Good and Great God,
in your omnipotent power you created us,
in your sovereignty you gave us free wills,

in your mercy you regard us in spite of our sin,
 in your grace you provide a solution for our sin,
 in your love you offer fellowship with yourself.

Forgive us of our sin,
 and cleanse us that we might be holy "just as you are holy."
 Give us hearts and minds open to you,
committed to you, and sanctified for you.

Help us to love you, and serve you,
 in every aspect of our lives:
 In all that we think, and say and do.

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

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IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song.
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground:
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease:
 My Comforter, my All in All,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied,
 For every sin on Him was laid,
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain.
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
 Up from the grave He rose again.
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 For I am His and He is mine,
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand,
 Till He returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"In Essentials Unity"*

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."

Romans 10:9

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Corinthians 15:1–10

Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. ⁹ For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

¹⁰ But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: "Nicene Creed" (see insert)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #420: *GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY (verses 1–3, 5)*

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, August 19	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
Wednesday, August 20	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Thursday, August 21	Deacons' Meeting (2:00 pm) Session (7:00 pm)
Sunday, August 23	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	August 27: Summer Lawn Concert with Ben Fagerstedt (6:30–8:00) August 31: Sharing Table

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