

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 10 am

*"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again." (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One;
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Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

God of the ages,
we praise you for all your servants
who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God.

We praise you for all who have sought your new creation,
and who, by their steadfast faith,
have shown their discipleship in Christ Jesus.

We praise you for those we have known and loved,
and pray that we, with them,
may follow in the way of Christ,
and, at the last, dwell in your holy city,
sharing the inheritance of the saints in light,
through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*"Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith,
let us strip off every weight that slows us down,*

*especially the sin that so easily trips us up.
And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.
We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus,
the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."*

And now may our voices join the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ,
as we bring our praise to you, the giver of all good gifts,
through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture quotation is from Hebrews 12:1-2.

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HYMN #526: *FOR ALL THE SAINTS*

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"This Meal, This Bread, This Cup"*

1 Corinthians 11:17–34

In the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. ¹⁸ First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ But, of course, there must be divisions among you so that you who have God's approval will be recognized!

²⁰ When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. ²¹ For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. ²² What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!

²³ For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for

it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.” ²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

²⁷ So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. ²⁹ For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God’s judgment upon yourself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

³¹ But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. ³² Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord’s Supper, wait for each other. ³⁴ If you are really hungry, eat at home so you won’t bring judgment upon yourselves when you meet together. I’ll give you instructions about the other matters after I arrive.

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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BEHOLD THE LAMB

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith:
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace,
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ
Torn for you: eat and remember.
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love,
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you: drink and remember.
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice,
 As a sign of our bonds of grace,
 Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise,
 To respond and to remember.
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ,
 As His body here on earth.
 As we share in His suffering,
 We proclaim Christ will come again,
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven,
 Around the table of the King.
 Around the table of the King.

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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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HYMN #260: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
 Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Wednesday, Nov. 7	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30) Bible Study: <i>The Names of Jesus: Name Above All Names</i> Coffee and Study (1:00 pm); Soup and Study (6:00 pm)
Saturday, Nov. 8	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, Nov. 9	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	Coffee and Study/Soup and Study <i>The Names of Jesus: Name Above All Names</i> continues Wednesday, at 1:00 and 6:00, through November 19 Sunday, November 23: Combined service with the Korean Congregation and United Christian Church, followed by a three-church potluck

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).

There are two additional men's restrooms in the building (near the south stairwell on both the lower and upper level). There are two additional women's restrooms as well. One is on the upper level and best accessed from the middle stairwell; the other is directly below the first-floor women's restroom on the lower level.

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