

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 10 am

*"I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.
I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:1–2)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" by Rick Founds.

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JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd,
Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

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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)

Gracious God,
 you have gathered us in the name of Jesus
 and made us one body,
 united by one faith, one hope, and one calling.

Today, at tables around the world, your children break bread:
 in great cathedrals and in plain village chapels,
 in languages we will never speak,
 in places of plenty and in places of fear.

But we confess that we have not lived as one.
 We so easily mistake ourselves for the whole church.
 We have let tradition, politics, and preference
 divide those whom Christ has joined.

We have heard of our sisters and brothers who suffer,
 and we have felt little.

We have spoken of peace,
 while too often retaining the walls that Christ has torn down.

Forgive us, merciful Lord.
 Where we have been proud, humble us.
 Where we have been indifferent, move us.
 Where we have been divided, bind us together in the peace of Christ,
 for he himself is our peace.

Make us one, as Jesus prayed,
 so that the world may know that you sent him—
 and so they see him in us.
 In his name we pray.

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

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"In the Name of Jesus"*

Acts 4:1–4

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. ⁴ But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

Acts 4:23–31

As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. ²⁴ When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—²⁵ you spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying,

'Why were the nations so angry?
 Why did they waste their time with futile plans?

²⁶ The kings of the earth prepared for battle;
 the rulers gathered together against the LORD
 and against his Messiah.'

²⁷ "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. ²⁹ And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

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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HYMN #371: *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *[Refrain]*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. *[Refrain]*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. *[Refrain]*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *[Refrain]*

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

Belhar Confession

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.

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HYMN #466: *O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (verses 1, 3–4)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Thursday, Oct. 8	Deacons' Meeting (2:00 pm) Session (7:00 pm)
Saturday, Oct. 10	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, Oct. 11	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)
LOOKING AHEAD	October 21 – November 18: Coffee/Soup and Study (Wed. study series, 1:00/6:00 pm) <i>The Goodness of God: Learning to Notice God's Grace</i> Saturday, November 7, 5:00–7:00: Spaghetti Dinner/Craft Fair Fundraiser

Four times a year, we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. Rather than receiving the elements where we sit, we come forward to the table, which is a bodily way of answering Christ's invitation. Christ is the host of this meal, and we come because he has called us. When you reach the table, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and eat. As we eat and drink, the Holy Spirit lifts our hearts to Christ, who is present with us and nourishes us by faith. Today we will celebrate in this way.

If you are unable to come forward, the elders will gladly serve you where you are.

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