

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy to all generations. Praise the LORD!

*The Psalm of Praise "It Is Good to Sing Your Praises" (Insert)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A 75

Q. 75. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath before the foundation of the world chosen to be holy, are in time through the powerful operation of His Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin and rise unto newness of life.

The Call to Confession of Sin..... Colossians 3:1-10

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that although we have been raised with Christ, our hearts and minds often remain tethered to the earth. We look for security, identity, and joy in worldly things rather than in Your presence, where our true life is hidden with Christ. We have not put to death the things belonging to our old nature: sexual impurity and passion, evil desires and greed, anger and rage, malice and slander, filthy language from our lips, lies told to one another. We have too often chosen the old self and its ways, forgetting that we are new creations in Christ. Forgive us for failing to reflect Your image, renew our minds, and walk in Your holiness. In Your mercy, strip away our old ways of sin and renew us daily by Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon..... Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 44 “How Great Thou Art”**

~ We Respond to God’s Grace with Offering of Ourselves and Our Needs ~

The Offering and Encouragement to Give.....Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that He will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you.

The Old Testament Reading.....Numbers 4:1-20 & 5:1-10

The Great Prayer..... TE Jim Richter

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 140 “O Word of God Incarnate”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon Rev. Jim Richter

“Mortifying Sin by the Holy Spirit” | Romans 8:12-13| Pg. 888

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 537 “Take Time to Be Holy”**

***The Benediction**

***The Response No. 735 “The Gloria Patri”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Announcements due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to secretary@firstpresfo.org.

- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection for September is small stuffed animals and small Nerf balls.
- ❖ A **catechism class** has begun on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:15 pm for children ages 4-12, led by Sarah Wilson. The younger ones (ages 4-8) will use the Children's Catechism (based on the WSC) and the older ones will use the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + To subscribe to the prayer list, contact the church secretary: secretary@firstpresfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received during the offering in worship, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give

To submit prayer requests, please email the church office or call 706-866-2521.

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
(excluding First Sundays)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Children are welcome in worship, but nursery is also available for children 3 and under.

Nursery: **Sept.13:** L. Bible & A. Wilson **Sept. 20:** E. Wilson & L. Murphy