

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | JANUARY 25, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 12..... "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....WCF 2.3

In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost: the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

The Call To ConfessionDeut. 7:9-10

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate Him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates Him. He will repay him to his face.

The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we have sinned times without number. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, and of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our transgressions and shortcomings present each of us with a list of accusations, but we bless You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue our corruptions and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring our spirits into subjection, but may You rule over us in liberty and power. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in You. Then we shall bless You, God of our righteousness, for making us upright.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Ps. 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving..... “In Christ Alone” (pp. 3-4)**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give..... Matt. 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Old Testament Reading.....Exodus 32:21-35

The Great Prayer.....RE Wil Davis

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 341 “O Breath of Life”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon Rev. Ralph Kelley

“The Church as a Means of Grace” | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | Pg. 895

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Psalm of Response No. 42A..... “As the Deer Pants” (pg. 5)**

***The Benediction**

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

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre- cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.
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Psalm 42A

1. ¹As the deer pants for the wa - ters, pants my soul for you, O God.
 2. ²In my grief I still re - mem - ber how I led the hap - py throng
 3. ³From the land be - yond the Jor - dan, I re - mem - ber you in prayer,
 4. ⁴In the day, the LORD shows mer - cy; he com - mands his stead - fast love.
 5. ⁵As a blow that breaks my bod - y, all my foes are taunt - ing me.

⁶For my God my soul is thirst - y, thirst - ing for the liv - ing God.
 to the house of God for feast - ing, filled with shouts and joy - ful songs.
 • from Mount Mi - zar and Mount Her - mon, when my soul is in de - spair.
 In the night, his song is with me, as I pray to God, my life.
 All day long their words as - sault me; "Where's your God?" they say with glee.

When shall I, O God of grace, come and stand be - fore your face?
⁵O my soul, why so cast down? Why so trou - bled in me now?
 • ⁷At your wa - ter - falls' great roar deep calls out to deep once more.
⁹Then to God, my rock, I plead: "Why have you for - got - ten me?"
¹¹O my soul, why so cast down? Why so trou - bled in me now?

³Day and night my tears sus - tain me; "Where's your God?" they say to shame me.
 Hope in God, for I shall praise him; he's my God and my sal - va - tion.
 • All your break - ers crash a - gainst me; o - ver - whelm - ing waves op - press me.
 Why must I con - tin - ue weep - ing while my life my foes are seek - ing?"
 Hope in God, for I shall praise him, he's my God and my sal - va - tion.

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 Louis Bourgeois, 1551
 harm. Johann Cruger, 1658

SERMON NOTES

Qualifications for Elders, 1 Tim. 3:1-7

¹ The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Qualifications for Deacons, 1 Tim. 3:8-13

⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 25, 2026

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.

- ❖ We welcome back to the pulpit Rev. Ralph Kelley, Director of Constituent Relations at Covenant College.
- ❖ The Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday morning, and we will have our monthly fellowship meal following morning worship.
- ❖ Nominations for church office (Elder & Deacon) are being accepted in the month of January. Please be in prayer asking God to raise up additional officers to serve this congregation and to grant discernment in the nomination process.

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, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.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

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast
WAAK 94.7 FM
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
(excluding First Sundays)

Wednesday

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

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

Nursery: Jan. 25: A. Pinyerd & R. Wilson Feb. 1: M. L. Wilson & M. Brande