

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | AUGUST 30, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship Psalm 146:1-4 & 10

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

*The Psalm of Praise TH No. 57..... “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith..... Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A 7, 8 & 9

Q. 7. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Q. 8. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. 9. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.

The Call to Confession of Sin.....Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before You, acknowledging our need for Your mercy. You have invited us to seek You, yet we have often been distracted by the noise of the world and the desires of our own hearts. We have strayed from Your paths and relied on our own understanding. We confess the times we have clung to our wicked ways, both in the things we have done and the good we have left undone. We confess the unrighteousness of our minds and hearts—our harboring of bitterness, our prideful thoughts, our anxiety, and our lack of trust in Your goodness. We have too often followed the ways of the world rather than Your holy will in our thoughts, words and deeds. Have compassion on us, Lord. Forgive our sins, both known and unknown, and wash us clean. Turn our hearts back to You, and grant us the grace to walk in Your ways. We rest in Your promise that You will abundantly pardon. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 55:8, 9 & 12a

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts...For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving.....“Before the Throne of God Above” (pg. 4-5)**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give.....II Corinthians 8:7-9

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you —see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

The Old Testament Reading.....Numbers 2:1-9 & 2:32-3:13

The Great Prayer..... TE Jim Richter

***Hymn of Preparation TH No. 524..... “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon Rev. Jim Richter

“Life in the Spirit” | Romans 8:1-11 | Pg. 887

***Hymn of Response TH No. 338 ... “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

***The Benediction**

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

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

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Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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“Life in the Spirit” Romans 8:1-11

Sermon Outline

In many ways Romans 8 is about how the Holy Spirit works in and with believers to enable those who are in Christ to live righteous lives in loving fellowship with God, growing and being transformed to be more and more conformed to Christ. Although the Holy Spirit has only been mentioned three times in the first seven chapters of the book, in Romans 8 He is mentioned 19 times. As Charles Spurgeon said, “Without the Spirit of God we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind or chariots without steeds. Like branches without sap, we are withered. Like coals without fire, we are useless.” But, as we will see, the Holy Spirit works as a Person of the divine Trinity, in concert with the Father and the Son, to apply the work of Christ in the lives of believers to fulfil the sovereign and eternal plan and purposes of God.

Today we will be looking at verses 5-11. They set forth **three great benefits** that are true for those who “walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit”, in contrast with those who walk according to the flesh.

1. **A New Mindset**, in contrast with the mindset of those who set their minds on the things of the flesh. Vs. 5-8

2. **A New Indwelling Presence**, in contrast with those who are “in the flesh”. Vs. 9-10

3. **A Promise of Bodily Resurrection Life** through the Holy Spirit. Vs. 11

For Your Contemplation

1 Peter 5:8, "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil.
He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour!"

The devil is . . .

not a lamb, but a *lion*;

not a sleeping lion, but a *roaring* lion;

not a lion standing still, but a lion *prowling around to devour!*

He is not satisfied with the prey he has already gotten,
but is restless in his designs to fill Hell with damned souls.

He never lacks . . .

an *apple* for an Eve;

nor a *grape*, for a Noah;

nor a *change of clothing*, for a Gehazi;

nor a *wedge of gold*, for an Achan;

nor a *crown*, for an Absalom;

nor a *bag of silver*, for a Judas;

nor a *world*, for a Demas!

If you look into one company, you shall find Satan a-dishing out his dainties to every taste. If you look into another company, you shall find him fitting a lace to every shoe. If you look into a third company, you shall find him suiting a garment to every back. Here, with Jael, he allures poor souls in with milk; and murders them with a nail! There, with Joab, he embraces with one hand; and stabs with another! Here with Judas, he kisses; and betrays! And there, with the whore of Babylon, he presents a golden cup, with poison in it!

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour!" 1 Peter 5:8

Thomas Boston, 1659, London

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 30, 2026

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

- ❖ **The Lord's Supper** will be observed as part of worship next Lord's Day morning. A fellowship meal will follow in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share.
- ❖ Following this evening's worship, there will be a **young adult fellowship at the Huffmans' home**. Please bring a snack to share, and carpool if possible as parking is limited. If you need the address, please see Sarah Wilson, or Luke and Hannah Huffman.
- ❖ The next **Men's Prayer Breakfast** is Saturday, September 5 at 9am at the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Suggested donation of \$3 to cover food.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection for August is 8 to 24 pack crayons and small composition books.

Please note the new email address for church office for communications is:

secretary@firstpresfo.org. The Session may be contacted via session@firstpresfo.org, and the Clerk of Session via clerk@firstpresfo.org.

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- + 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

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

Nursery: **Aug. 30:** E. Murphy & H. Rowan **Sept. 6:** M.L. Wilson & M. Brande