

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | AUGUST 23, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship Isaiah 52:9-10

Break forth together into singing...for the LORD has comforted His people;
He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared His holy arm before the
eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of
our God.

*The Psalm of Praise No. 706 "Jesus Lives, and So Shall I"

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 15 & 16

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, yet more powerful than all
creatures, that is, One who is also true God.

Q. Why must the mediator be a true and righteous man?

A. Because God's justice requires that human nature, which has sinned,
Must pay for its sin; but a sinner could never pay for others.

The Call to Confession of Sin Hosea 14:1-2

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall!
Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to Him: "Forgive all our
sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips."

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess to You, that we have sinned against You in ways that should shock us and that must grieve You. Make us truly sorry. Fill us with holy fear, and give us grace to return to You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, so that we may walk and delight in obedience to Your Word. Make us kind and merciful as You are. Make us willing to forgive others as You have forgiven us. Give us the Spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ, so that we might be humble, patient, courageous in love, and abundant in joy as He is. For we ask it in His name, Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon II Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

***The Psalm of Thanks No. 311 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give Deuteronomy 16:17

No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

The Old Testament Reading.....Numbers 1:1-4, 47-54

The Great Prayer RE Wil Davis

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 257 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon Dr. Dan Steere

“The Reconciling Sacrifice” | Colossians 1:19-23 | Pg. 924

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”**

***The Benediction**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 23, 2026

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

- ❖ We welcome to the pulpit **Dr. Dan Steere**, Partnership Coordinator (retired) from Equipping Leaders International.
- ❖ **The Over Sixties Luncheon** is this Thursday, August 27 at 11:30. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Come for lunch and great fellowship!
- ❖ 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**.

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**

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. 23:** Sarah Wilson & A. Pinyerd **Aug. 30:** E. Murphy & H. Rowan