

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The Announcements

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship..... Psalm 149:1-4**

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

***The Psalm of Praise No. 361..... “O Praise Ye the Lord”**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith..... Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A 80**

Q. Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

A. Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before Him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God’s promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace and shall persevere therein unto salvation.

The Call to Confession..... II Peter 1:3-10

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of

sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. **Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election**, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful and triune God, You have called us by Your own glory and goodness and granted us everything pertaining to life and godliness. Yet we confess that we grow indifferent to Your grace, taking our salvation for granted. We have failed to make every effort add to our faith virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. We look to the world for comfort, harbor self-righteous pride, and take our salvation for granted rather than walking in the eager obedience of grateful children who rejoice in Your saving grace and want others to know it. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse our blindness, renew our hearts, and anchor our assurance not in our shifting efforts, but in Your steadfast faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon I Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

***The Hymn of Thanks No. 693..... “Blessed Assurance”**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give Acts 20:35b

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

The Old Testament Reading Numbers 11:1-35

The Great Prayer.....RE Wil Davis

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 141..... “God, in the Gospel of His Son”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon..... Rev. Jim Richter

“Great Sorrow for a Privileged People” | Romans 9:1-8 | Pg. 889

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 452 “Macedonia”**

***The Benediction**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

- ❖ 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.

- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** packing day is Saturday November 14th @ 10:30 at the church. We still need small stuffed animals. If anyone is interested in coordinating Operation Christmas Child beginning in January please contact Diana Bowers.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting **FPFO** to 84576.
- + 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

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 &
Catechism Class for children

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

Nursery: **Oct 25:** E. Wilson & J. Porter **Nov. 1:** M. Brande & A. Pinyerd