

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | AUGUST 24, 2025 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

~ God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

*The Hymn of Praise No. 166 “Wondrous King, All-Glorious”

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith.....The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; Who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under
Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into
hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into
heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.*

~ God Calls Us to Confess Our Sins ~

The Call to Confession.....John 4:23–24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

*the word *catholic* refers to the general, world-wide body of believers who profess the true religion. It is taken from the Greek word meaning *according to the whole* or *universal*.
The Apostles Creed has its origins in the Fourth Century
and is a summary of the teaching of the Apostles.

Wondrous King, All-Glorious

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Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Rom. 9:5

G Dsus D Em Bsus B C

1. Won-drous King, all - glo - rious, sov-'reign Lord vic - to - rious, oh, re -
 2. Heav-ens, spread the sto - ry of our Mak-er's glo - ry, all the
 3. O my soul, re - joic - ing, sing, thy prais-es voic - ing, sing, with
 4. Hal - le - lu - jahs ren - der to the Lord most ten - der, ye who

G Em D G D G Dsus D Em

ceive our praise with fa - vor! From thee welled God's kind - ness tho' we
 pomp of earth ob - scur - ing. Sun, thy rays be send - ing, thy bright
 hymns of faith a - dore him! All who here have be - ing, shout, your
 know and love the Sav - ior. Hal - le - lu - jahs sing ye, ye re -

Bsus B C G Em D G D G F C

in our blind - ness strayed from thee, our bless - ed Sav - ior. Strength-en thou,
 beams ex - pend - ing, light to all the earth as - sur - ing. Moon and star,
 voic - es free - ing, bow down in the dust be - fore him. He is God
 deemed, oh, bring ye hearts that yield him glad be - hav - ior. Blest are ye

D G D G C G D G Am G Am7 D7 G 7

help us now; let our tongues be sing - ing, thee our prais-es bring - ing.
 praise a - far him who glo - rious made you; the vast heav-ens aid you.
 Sab - a - oth; praise a - lone the Sav - ior, here and there for - ev - er.
 end - less - ly; sin - less there for - ev - er, ye shall laud him ev - er.

The Confession of Sin

Eternal God: You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word. You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often seek to worship You not as You truly reveal Yourself, but as we imagine You to be.

We too often ask You to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what You bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want, instead of shaping us into what You want.

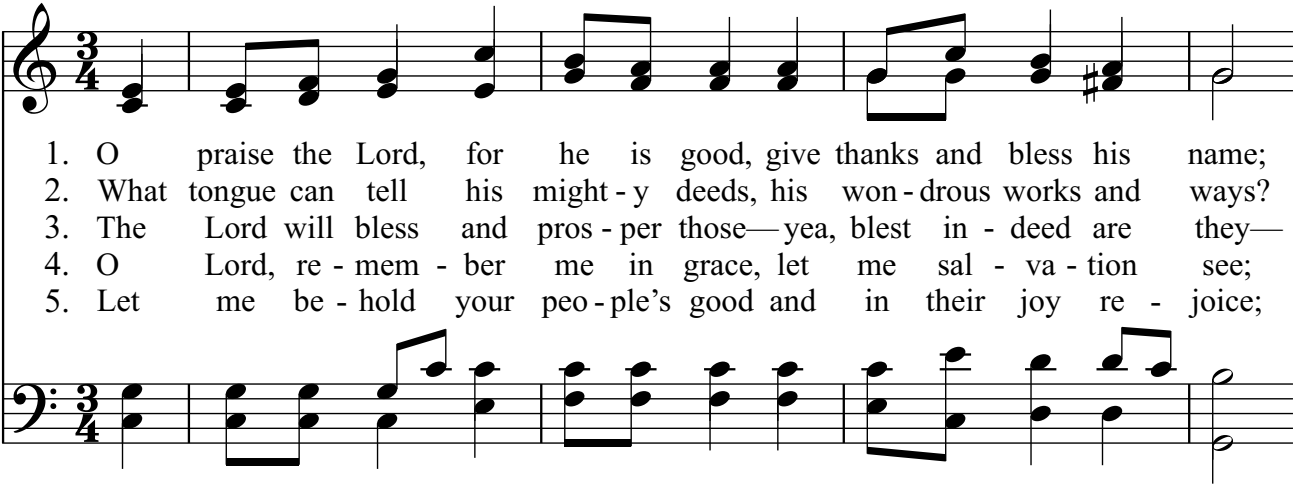
Help us to meet You here, that we might humble ourselves before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and forever in Christ Jesus.

The Assurance of PardonColossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 106.....“O Praise the Lord”**



1. O praise the Lord, for he is good, give thanks and bless his name;
2. What tongue can tell his might - y deeds, his won - drous works and ways?
3. The Lord will bless and pros - per those—yea, blest in - deed are they—
4. O Lord, re - mem - ber me in grace, let me sal - va - tion see;
5. Let me be - hold your peo - ple’s good and in their joy re - joice;

his lov - ing - kind - ness chang - es not, from age to age the same.
 O who can show his glo - ry forth, or ut - ter all his praise?
 • whose ways are just, who con - stant - ly his righ - teous laws o - bey.
 the grace you show un - to your saints, that grace re - veal to me.
 with your tri - um - phant her - i - tage let me lift up my voice.

6. In evil we have gone astray,
 and sinful is our race;
 rebelliously our fathers walked
 forgetful of your grace.
7. Though they rebelled, yet for their help
 in saving strength he came
 to make his pow'r almighty known
 and glorify his name.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Madelein Karina van der Merwe

- + The Covenant Promises and Institution
- + The Questions to the Parents and Congregation
- + The Sign of the Covenant
- + The Prayer of Consecration

***The Baptismal Psalm No. 364“Let Children Hear” (Psalm 78:1-7)**

The Encouragement to Give John 7:37–38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

The Great Prayer.....Elder John Taylor

***The Hymn.....“Speak, O Lord” (pp. 4-5)**

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Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1

The musical score is written for a church setting. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line of music.

1. Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;
 2. He bids us make his glo - ries known, his works of pow'r and grace;
 3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;
 4. Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,

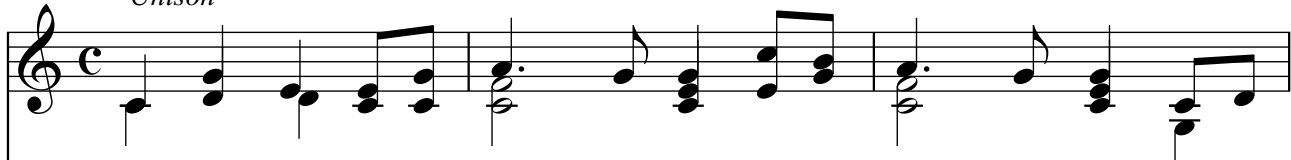
which in our youn - ger years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.
 and we'll con - vey his won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 that gen - er - a - tions yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
 that they may ne'er for - get his works, but prac - tice his com - mands.

From Psalm 78:1-7
 Isaac Watts, 1719

DUNDEE C.M.
 Scottish Psalter, 1615

Speak, O Lord

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1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,
 eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r
 prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,

and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
 that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

B. Fruitful (vv. 20-24)

1. Know Christ Jesus (vv. 20-21)

2. Know Life in Christ (vv. 22-24)

a. Put off (v. 22)

b. Renewed (v. 23)

c. Put on (v. 24)

III. Conclusion

~ God's People Respond to His Word ~

*The Hymn of Response No. 508 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 "The Gloria Patri"

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm C F C⁷ Dm A⁷ Dm

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

F B^b F B^b C⁷ F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

B^b F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm 7

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

BAPTISM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This morning we have the joy to witness the baptism of a covenant child:

Madelein Karina van der Merwe

Baptism is one of two sacraments given by Christ to His Church in the New Testament. The word *baptism* means *wash*. There were many ritual washings under the Old Testament. The Lord Jesus instated a New Testament baptism commanding His disciples to go to all the nations, make disciples, teach them to obey all His commands, and baptize them into the Name of the Triune God.

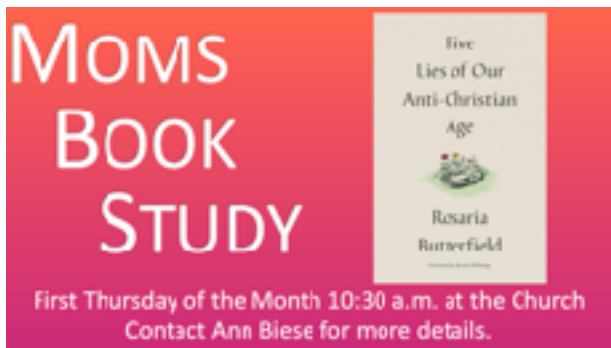
Baptism is a sign and seal of the Covenant of Grace; it both *signifies* (illustrates and portrays) the benefits of the covenant as well as *seals* (assures or confirms the genuineness of) the grace offered and promised in the Covenant of Grace: union with Christ in His death and resurrection for His people through His Holy Spirit as well as cleansing from sin.

It is the *grace* signified in baptism that saves, not the *act* of being baptized. As such, baptism does not cause a person to be born again, infuse a person with grace, wash away original sin, or guarantee or contribute to salvation.

Baptism publicly declares and marks a person out as belonging to Christ's covenant people and distinguishes him or her from the world. For all people, baptism is a call to embrace by faith the promises offered in the sacrament. Baptism is the beginning of Christian discipleship and should be improved throughout one's life by killing our sinful desires and living to righteousness and obedience more and more through faith in Christ.

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Acts 2:38-39



A poster for a "Moms Book Study" event. The background is a gradient of pink and red. On the left, the text "MOMS BOOK STUDY" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. To the right is a small image of a book cover. The book cover has a light beige background with the title "Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age" in a serif font, a small illustration of a landscape with a house and trees, and the author's name "Rosaria Butterfield" at the bottom. Below the book cover, the text "First Thursday of the Month 10:30 a.m. at the Church" and "Contact Ann Biese for more details." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 24, 2025

- ❖ Please answer God's call to worship this evening with us at 6:00 p.m. in word and sacrament. We will begin with our customary hymn sing at 5:50 p.m. So be ready with your requests!
- ❖ **Hymnbook Heritage:** During the summer Sunday School break, beginning at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, Elder Davis will lead in singing from the *Trinity Hymnal*. The purpose is to help participants benefit more from the hymnal as we use it in worship. We will sing primarily psalms and hymns that are familiar. *"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also"* 1 Cor. 14:15.
- ❖ All Sunday school classes resume on September 7, with new classes for children: kindergarten, early elementary, and upper elementary. The adult class will begin a study of Proverbs.
- ❖ If anyone is interested in teaching a class for two and three year olds, please let Nathan Bowers know soon.
- ❖ Celebrate Luke and Hannah Rowan's upcoming birth of a boy! A basket for gifts will be in the fellowship hall during the month of August.
- ❖ July/August Operation Christmas Child collection is colored pencils, black pens, composition books, scissors, glue sticks, and pencil bags.

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 by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

Wednesday

9:20 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)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

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

6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class

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

Nursery: Aug. 24: M. L. Wilson & L. Murphy

Aug. 31: E. Wilson & M. Tuggle