

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship Psalm 47:1-2**

Clap your hands all peoples! Shout to God with loud shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

***The Psalm of Praise “O Clap Your Hands” (Insert)**

*The Prayer of Adoration

***The Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

The Call to Confession of Sin Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have to often lived as if we were our own, rather than Yours. We have claimed ownership of our bodies, our minds, our days, and our futures, trusting in our own understanding rather than in You. We have rebelled against Your gracious rule, and yielded to the tyranny of our own selfishness, fear, and sin. We have looked for comfort in control, in the approval of others, and in the passing pleasures of this world, rather than in Your unfailing love. Forgive us, Lord. Break our grip on ourselves, and our own ways. Remind us that we belong to the blood-bought mercy of Jesus Christ. By Your Holy Spirit, strip away our self-reliance and make us wholeheartedly willing and ready to live for You. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 180.....“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to GiveProverbs 3: 9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

The Old Testament Reading..... Numbers 7:1-17 & 8:1-4

The Great Prayer..... TE Jim Richter

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 540 “A Few More Years Shall Roll”
~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~**

The Sermon Rev. Jim Richter
“Ministry of Holy Spirit to Us Now and in Future Glory” | Romans 8:18-25 | Pg. 888

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 358 “For All the Saints”**

***The Benediction**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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.
- ❖ **Young adult fellowship** will meet following today's evening worship at Joe and Rachel Wilson's home. Please bring a snack to share. If you need the address, ask one of the Wilsons.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection needs 50 water bottles, 30 washcloths and 30 toothbrushes. These totals will help us pack 120 boxes. Cash donations are welcome to purchase things online.
- ❖ 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.

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

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

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

Nursery: **Sept. 27:** Sarah Wilson & A. Pinyerd **Oct. 4:** E. Murphy & H. Rowan