

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | APRIL 5, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

**The Announcements**

**The Prelude**

**\*The Call to Worship ..... 1 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 Praise No. 277 ..... “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**\*The Prayer of Adoration**

**\*The Confession of Faith ..... The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
and with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Call to Confession ..... 1 John 1:5-10**

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

**The Prayer of Confession**

As we come to You today to confess our weakness and rebellion against You, we thank You that You have chosen to love desperate sinners such as we. Your loving determination to rescue us from our sin gives us the courage to admit the profound depravity of our desires, thoughts, and actions. We are people who want our kingdoms to come and our wills to be done. Instead of pursuing Your wisdom with all our strength, we are delighted by our own insights and impressed with our own understanding. We try to earn Your love rather than resting in the radiant worthiness of Your Son. Father, forgive us. Give us eyes to behold our risen Lamb, perfect, spotless, and worthy to receive all our worship, love, and praise.

**The Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon ..... 1 John 2:1-2**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 9..... “All You That Fear Jehovah’s Name”**

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

**The Offering and Encouragement to Give ..... Luke 6:38**

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

**The Old Testament Reading..... Exodus 40:1-16 & 34-38**

**The Great Prayer ..... TE Jim Richter**

**\*The Psalm of Preparation No. 140..... “O Word of God Incarnate”**

**~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~**

**The Sermon ..... Rev. Jim Richter**

“The Righteousness of God Through Faith” | Romans 3:21-31 | Pg. 885

**~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~**

**\*The Hymn of Response No. 523 ..... “My Hope is in The Lord”**

**The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table**

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

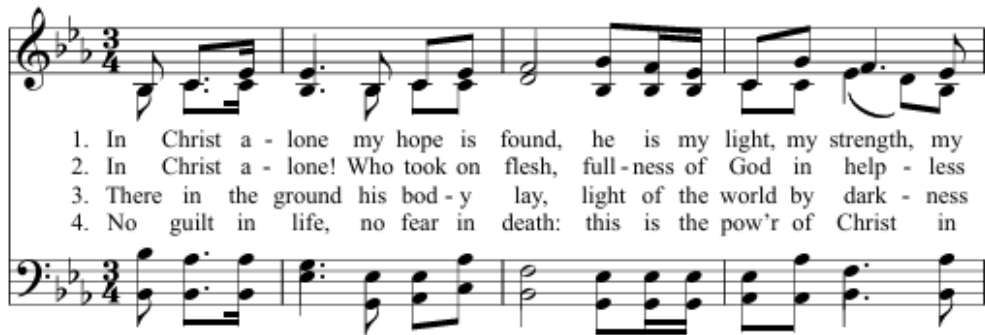
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*The Hymn of Praise No..... “In Christ Alone” (pg. 4-5)**

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Response No. 733..... “The Doxology”**

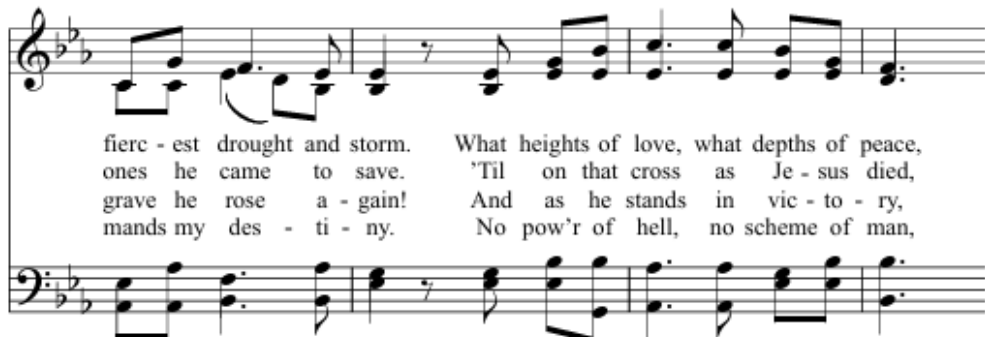
## In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the  
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,  
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,  
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -  
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am  
can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.  
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.  
 Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
 arr. Ruth Coleman

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## Sermon on Romans 3:19-31 for April 5, 2026

### “BUT NOW: A Great and Mighty Wonder Made Known”

In Romans 3:21 we find Paul writing by Divine inspiration, “**But now** the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law.” Paul has spent from Romans 1:18-3:20 describing how “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men”, and that “by works of law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” It appears therefore that all men are without hope of being right with God, and escaping His righteous wrath for our sin. **BUT NOW** a great and mighty wonder is revealed. Paul describes how God in an amazing manifestation of righteous grace justifies those who cannot achieve righteousness for themselves.

**Every aspect of God’s justification of sinners is wondrous.**

- 1. The righteousness of God is manifested for men and women,** a righteousness that we do not possess ourselves by achievement of law obedience. Vs. 21, Cf. Philippians 3:7-11
- 2. This righteousness of God is received as a gift by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by all who believe.** There is no distinction between different people or peoples, since all have sinned and come short of God’s glory. Vs. 22-24
- 3. This justification, imputation of God’s righteous to men and women,** is made possible by the redeeming death of Jesus Christ, whom God gave as a propitiation of His just wrath. Vs. 24-25a, II Corinthians 5:21
- 4. This way of justification, confirms both God’s righteousness in being both just and justifier.** Vs. 25b-26
- 5. This way of justification eliminates any reason for boasting on the part of those who are thus justified.** Vs. 27-30, cf. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 6. This way of justification upholds the law rather than eliminates it.** Vs. 31

**How do we respond to this wondrous grace?**

“A grateful heart is one of the chief characteristics of a true believer.”

“Ungratefulness is one of the most shameful sins, and yet it is one of the most common.”

“The Lord loves a thankful heart; it is the music that delights His ear.”

“We often write our *blessings* in sand, and engrave our *complaints* in marble.”

“Gratitude sweetens every blessing and makes it more precious.”

“The deeper our sense of sin, the louder our song of gratitude for redeeming grace.”

“Let us be as grateful for the smallest blessings as for the greatest.”

“The cross is the fountain of endless gratitude.”

Charles Spurgeon

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 5, 2026

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Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to [office@fpfo.org](mailto:office@fpfo.org).

- ❖ **Choices Pregnancy Center** is having a Walk for Life Saturday, April 11. Check in at 9:30 AM and it begins at 10:00 AM at shelter #4 by the Hubert Fry Center. If you would like more info on participating call Hannah Rowan 336-706-7371.
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child** collection for April is water bottles, toothbrushes and small stuffed animals (5" or 6").

### 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](mailto:office@fpfo.org).
- + Contributions may be received during the offering in worship, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](http://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

#### Wednesday

9:30 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

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

Nursery: April 5: Sarah Wilson & A. Pinyerd    April 12: E. Murphy & H. Rowan