

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship.....1 Timothy 1:15-17**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

***The Hymn of Praise No. 38.....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith W C F Chapter 3: I, II, VI**

I. God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

II. Although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything because He foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

VI. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, fore-ordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ by His Spirit working in due season; are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by His power through faith unto salvation. Neither are any other redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.

The Call to Confession..... Ephesians 1:11-12

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were seated with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

The Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, Your word declares that in Christ we have obtained an inheritance, predestined according to Your purpose, Who works all things after the counsel of Your will. Yet we confess that we so often doubt Your sovereign goodness. We live as though our lives depend on our own plans, anxieties, and striving, acting as orphans rather than heirs. You have sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it. Yet we grieve Your Spirit. We quench Your power in our midst, looking to our own strength for life, and treating Your divine seal upon us with casual disrespect. Forgive us for treating Your divine purpose as a light thing, and for seeking our security, identity, and glory in the shifting things of this world rather than living for the praise of Your glory. Have mercy upon us. Forgive us for the times we have looked upon Your gospel with indifference, letting the good news slip from our daily thoughts, and failing to live as those who are chosen and redeemed. Lord, forgive us for grieving the Holy Spirit. Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and turn us back to the praise of Your glorious grace. In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His

workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***The Psalm of Thanks No. 657“In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee”**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to Give Mark 12:41-44

And He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Old Testament Reading Numbers 9:9-23 & 10:1-10

The Great Prayer RE Nathan Bowers

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon..... Rev. Jim Richter

“God’s Sovereign and Gracious Providence” | Romans 8:28-30 | Pg. 888

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 700 “Come, We That Love the Lord”**

***The Benediction**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

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

- ❖ **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, please 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

Wednesday

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)

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 11:** M. L. Wilson & L. Zuidema **Oct. 18:** L. Bible & A. Wilson