

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD’S DAY | OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 10:45 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

***The Call to Worship..... Psalm 135:1-3**

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

***The Psalm of Praise No. 12..... “Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 182**

Q. How doth the Spirit help us to pray?

A. We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helpeth our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces, which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

The Call to Confession..... James 4:1-5

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us”?

The Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we harbor bitter pride, envy, and selfish ambition. We fight to get our own way. We demand our own rights. We inflict hurt upon one another in our homes, our communities, and even Your church because our hearts are set on our own desires rather than on Your holiness. Forgive us, gracious God, for our prayerlessness and our self-centered requests. We confess that we have loved the values of this passing world more than we have loved fellowship with You. Have mercy on us, O God, for our spiritual unfaithfulness. We grieve the Holy Spirit whom You have made to dwell in us, treating His presence with careless neglect. Forgive us, Lord, for our pride and our divided hearts. Break us of our self-reliance. Wash us clean, turn our laughter to true repentance, and lift us up in Your boundless grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of PardonJames 4:6-10

But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

***The Hymn of Praise No. 465....."Marvelous Grace of Our Living Lord"**

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

The Offering and Encouragement to GiveLuke 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.....Numbers 8:5-26 & 9:1-5

The Great Prayer.....RE Wil Davis

***The Hymn of Preparation No. 303 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”**

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

The Sermon..... Rev. Jim Richter

“The Holy Spirit’s Help in Our Prayer” | Romans 8:26-28 | Pg. 888

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

***The Hymn of Response No. 378 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”**

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

~ God’s People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

***The Hymn of Praise No. 461 “Not What My Hands Have Done”**

***The Benediction**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2026

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

- ❖ Please join us for the **Fellowship Lunch** immediately following worship service today.
- ❖ **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 4: E. Murphy & H. Rowan **Oct. 11:** M. L. Wilson & L. Zuidema