FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SHREVEPORT

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A Service for the Worship of God | November 2, 2025 | 10:45am

Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

PRELUDE……*Choral in E Minor*……Jean Langlais

INTROIT……*I Long for Your Commandments*……Heinrich Schütz

The Women of the Sanctuary Choir

I long for your commandments; your judgments all are just.
Within your words is wisdom, your teachings understood
Are comfort to my spirit's need and in the night my solace.
Your statutes are my song.

†CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 119

You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.
You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.
Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.
Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

†HYMN, No. 436……*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*……..O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that, joined with those from ages past
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 771……..*What Is the World Like*……NEW WORLD

(The choir will sing this first; the congregation is invited to join in the second time.)

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE……..*Gloria Patri*……MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another saying: **"The peace of Christ be with you."**
Respond by saying: **"And also with you."**

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN……Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.
Congregation: God be with you as you go.

Children may exit at this time. Parents of children ages 3 years and younger may take their children to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. Children 4 years old through first grade may exit for Worship Center on the third floor, Room 322.

RESPONSE, No. 852……*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*……..I'LL FLY AWAY

We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.
All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING…….Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Pew Bible, page 821 | Large Print, page 1066
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING…..Luke 19:1-10
Pew Bible, page 77| Large Print, page 100
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON…….....***An Unexpected Request***……..Jacob Dickson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†HYMN, No. 649……*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*……..…AMAZING GRACE

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION……..……..Stewardship

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY……..*How Can I Keep From Singing?*.....Quaker hymn
The Sanctuary Choir arr. Michael Burkhardt

My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?
What if my joys and comforts die,
I know that truth is living.
What though the darkness 'round me close?
Still truth its light is giving.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?
I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin,
I see the blue above it -
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace from Love makes fresh my heart,
A song of hope is springing.
All things are mine since truth I've found.
How can I keep from singing?

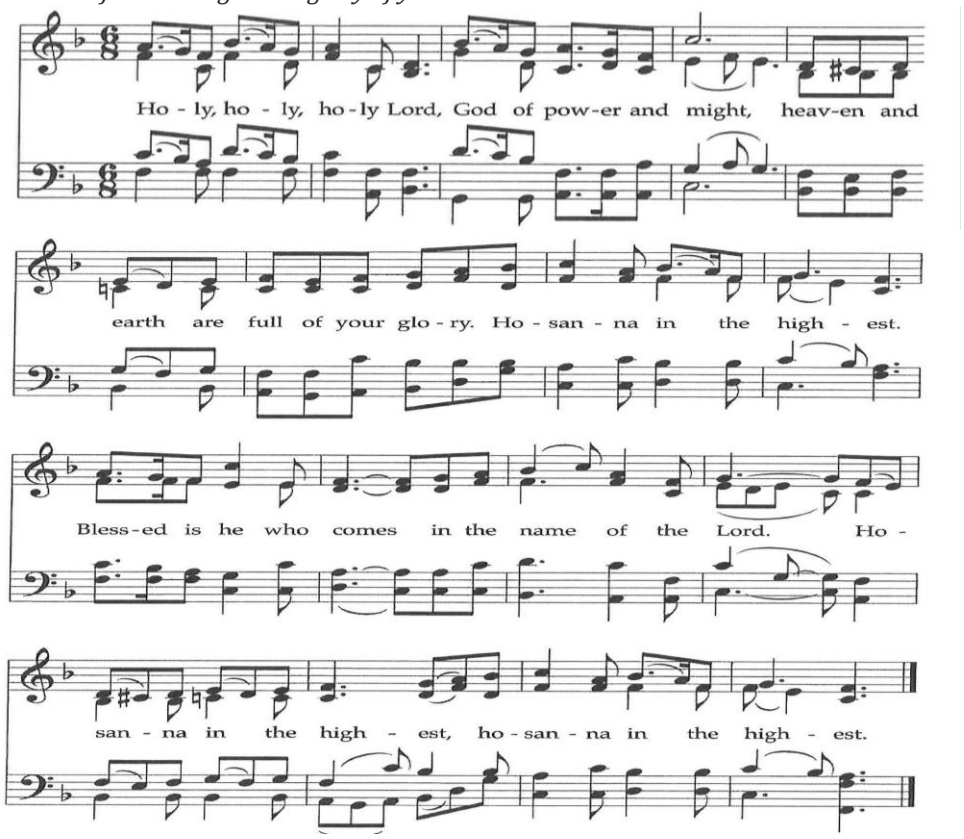
†DOXOLOGY…….....LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 15, *All Creatures of Our God and King*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

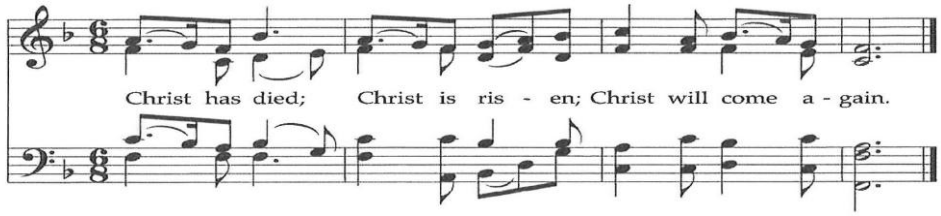
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

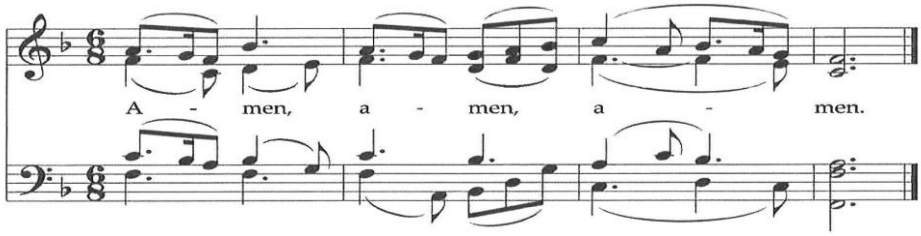
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.



...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Closing Prayer

†HYMN, No. 515.....*I Come with Joy*.....DOVE OF PEACE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE, No. 804……*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*……MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

†POSTLUDE……*Tiento: Fughette*……Juan Bautista Cabanilles

† *Worshipers standing if able*

Roll Call of the Saints

Lynn Nelson Stevens	November 22, 2024
Betty Dickerson	December 24, 2024
Bettye Leslie	February 21, 2025
Marilyn Hammond Gallagher	July 11, 2025
Shelby S. Guilbert	July 25, 2025
James R. Madison	August 3, 2025
Jean Carroll	August 7, 2025

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken and Beth Yoder by their family.

Liturgist: Anne Jenkins
Ushers: Robin Jones, Janet Smith, Mary and Dick Bush, Simone Hennessee, Mary Anne Selber
Worship Center: Kristen Ogden, Barbara Meyers

Congratulations to

Emma and Brett McCulloch on welcoming Rebecca Dawn McCulloch
to the world on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.
Proud grandparents are Gail and Joe McCulloch.

WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

WE WARMLY WELCOME CHILDREN as a vital part of our worshiping community! We understand that every family is different, and we strive to support each one in the way that fits them best. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship, and we offer worship bags and children's Bibles to help engage them in meaningful ways. Worship Center, a Montessori-based approach to worship, is available for 4-year-olds -1st graders following the Time with Children. Childcare is offered in the CE building when needed. In addition, a comfort room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, equipped with a speaker so you can listen to the service while caring for your child.

CONFESSIONAL BANNERS visually represent key theological statements from the Book of Confessions, a foundational document of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each banner symbolizes a specific confession, capturing its historical context and theological themes through color, imagery, and design. This morning's banner for the Nicene Creed features *a green triangle and three symbols with it* – as a sign of the doctrine of the Trinity, *a hand reaching down* – representing God, the Father, *the Chi Rho Monogram* – the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ, *the dove* – a symbol for the Holy Spirit, and *crowns* – for the rule and glory of God. The Nicene Creed was created by an ecumenical council called together by Emperor Constantine, the first Christian emperor. *The cross/sword* represent Constantine and the doctrine of Christ because Christ is central in the Creed. Each week we will highlight a different banner and theological statement.

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025
THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Current Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, November 2
9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – CE Building
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service – In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website: https:/www.fpcshreveport.org and First Presbyterian Facebook Page
12:00 p.m. – North Louisiana Interfaith Meeting – PW Suite
5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – 4th Floor Youth Room

MONDAY, November 3
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
9:30 a.m. – PW Council Meeting – PW Suite
11:00 a.m. – PW Christian Missions & Community Action Worship Service – Chapel
12:00 p.m. – PW Luncheon – Dining Room
12:00 p.m. – AA
5:15 p.m. – Worship Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
6:00 p.m. – Circle 9 Meeting – Carole Mullen's Home

TUESDAY, November 4
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, November 5
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
5:15 p.m. – Children's Ministry Meeting – CE Building

THURSDAY, November 6
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS
10:00 a.m. – The Bridge Service of Remembrance – Chapel; Reception Following – Dining Room
5:15 p.m. – Youth Ministry Meeting – CE Building
6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, November 7
7:00 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast - Gym
10:00 a.m. – Tower Art
12:00 p.m. – AA

SUNDAY, November 9
9:15 a.m. – Children's Choir – CE Building
9:30 a.m. – All Sunday School with Josh Kerr - Chapel
10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service - In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website: https:/www.fpcshreveport.org and First Presbyterian Facebook Page
Fall Festival Following Worship Service – Gym/Legacy Green
5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – 4th Floor Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

"Every act of generosity—no matter how small—contributes to a legacy of learning and connection that stretches far beyond our church walls. Through each gift, new programs blossom, friendships deepen, and faith is nurtured across generations. As we celebrate the impact of these small seeds, we invite you to witness the transformation in our ministries and the lives we touch, week after week. ***The Stewardship Ministry*** *oversees all components of annual giving related to the operating budget and is responsible for financial planning, organization, and the review of monthly financial statements. This ministry prepares annual budget recommendations for the session and presents the proposed outcomes to the congregation for approval."*

-Simone Hennessee | Stewardship Ministry Moderator