



the gospel of luke



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4, AD 2026

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

I. Presto from Sinfonia in D major by Giuseppe Torelli

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
In your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 87 "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" (vv. 1-3 & 6)

LAUDES DOMINI

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we come before you acknowledging how easily we are shaped by the world around us rather than your Kingdom. You call the poor, the hungry, and the grieving blessed, but too often we spend our lives chasing wealth, comfort, and in mocking laughter. You warn us against the emptiness of worldly praise, yet we idolize the approval of others. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that our character may increasingly honor you, our Lord and King.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Standing*

*Response

ALL TO CHRIST

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me thy all in all.”
Jesus paid it all! All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—he washed it white as snow.

*Greeting and Announcements

Children ages four through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Minute for Mission

Dorothy Wallis, Caring to Love Ministries

Offertory

“Fill-a Me Up!” by Pepper Choplin

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,
Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.
Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit,
Fill-a me up now and take control.

So many things try to fill me up.
So many things try to weigh me down.
Fill-a my heart now until you stay
And chase the other things away.

Now my heart is an open door.
Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord.
Fill-a my heart now and let it grow
And change my life so all will know.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 455 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

BEACH SPRING

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 6:17-26

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.

That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Scott Graham

“Meet the New Boss”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 404 “The Solid Rock”

SOLID ROCK



LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

Du alter Stefansturm (*The Old Refrain*) by Johann Brandl
"Softly and Tenderly" arranged Timothy Johnson



BENEDICTION

*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arranged by James Curnow



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LifeShare Blood Drive Today. You have the most precious resource of all: the ability to save a life by donating blood! Stop by today to help share this invaluable gift with someone in need.

Help Us Make Our 200th Anniversary Happen! There's a place for your gifts as we prepare to celebrate 200 years of First Presbyterian! Choose a one-time task, short-term project, anniversary weekend role or something more—there's a place for you! Scan the code to tell us your interests.



Prime Time Lunch with “America’s Minister of Encouragement!” Join the Prime Time Club (age 60+) on Friday, October 23 for lunch and laughs with Dennis Swanberg, an ordained minister who speaks across the country to encourage people from all walks of life to look at the “lighter side of life.” Register by scanning the code or visit the Reception Room today. Registration closes October 15.



Kirkin’ Worship, Lunch, and Clan Names. Wear your plaid and join us for a great celebration of our Reformed faith on Sunday, October 25 at 10 am. We’ll begin on the North Blvd. front steps with the pipes and drums. Don’t forget to register for the BBQ lunch! \$15 per person. If you’d like your Scottish clan called, please communicate its name by dropping a note in the offering plate, calling the church or emailing Jaci (jaci@fpcbr.org) by October 19.



Congregational Meeting, October 25. The session has called for a meeting of the congregation during the 10 am service Sunday, October 25, to elect elders and deacons for the class of 2029. The nominating committee will nominate for Elder: Pat Canfield, Brett Furr, Ross Henry, Ron Hicks, Ben Hunter, Scott Kirkpatrick, Hank Mills, Hans Othmer, Donna Saurage, and Richard Setliff. For Deacon: Rosemary Beall, James Burcalow, Jackie Cagley, Melissa Fabré, Ryan Harrigill, Arralee Hays, Aaron Keating, Caitlyn Klingman, Aaron Stratman, and Kaitlyn Wilson.

Annual Bike Bash: October 25. Join our mission partner, Front Yard Bikes, for its 2nd Annual Bike Bash on Sunday, October 25, from 3 to 6 pm! Enjoy a community bike ride through Mid-City, followed by food, refreshments, and fun. Visit frontyardbikes.com/bikebash for more information and registration.

Young Adult Night of Worship: Wednesday, October 7. Young Adults ministry is having its monthly night of worship on Wednesday, October 7 in Dunham Chapel at 6.30 pm. Whether you’re 18 or in your mid-20s, this is a night to glorify and worship our Lord. Bring a friend. Contact Darin for more information (darin@fpcbr.org).

Created for Connection, October 30 & 31. Join us Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31, for an experience that can help bring greater closeness and connection to your marriage. This is a Christian couples’ workshop designed to help you rediscover the joy of being together. FPC members receive a special rate of \$175. Scan the code to learn more.



Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God by Tricia & Donovan Davis.

Scripture for Next Week: Luke 6:27–36

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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