

## Announcements

**Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal** | Our monthly church-wide prayer meeting and fellowship meal is this evening at 5:30 pm. We will meet for a time of worship and prayer, followed by a meal. Childcare is provided.

**VBS Applications are Open!** | VBS will be June 1-5 from 9am-noon, for rising PreK-5th Grade. If you know that you'd like to attend, letting us know early helps us plan more effectively. Huge thanks to those of you who have already signed up! You can access applications for students and volunteers at [fpcpooler.org/VBS2026](http://fpcpooler.org/VBS2026)

**Youth VBS Skit Auditions** | Open to current youth students. There are two times available: this Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm or Sunday March 18th after worship. See Jamie for more information and to let her know you plan to audition.

**Lilies for Easter** | We are once again decorating the sanctuary with lilies this Easter. If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of someone, you can fill out the insert in the bulletin or scan the QR code to the right.

**"Spring Breeze" Church App Update** | All month, staff will be on hand after the worship service (by the "Welcome" wall) to help set up our church app, update photos, answer questions, etc. We would love if everyone had an updated photo, so we will also have a photographer on hand.

**Youth Group** | Meets this Wednesday at 6 pm for study, fellowship, and a meal.

**Women's Study Monday meetings** | Monday discussion leader meeting, open to anyone who is unable to come on Wed. Evenings or is curious about becoming a discussion leader. This group meets **Mon. at 1 pm**, at or via zoom. See Maggie Banks ([admin@firstprespooler.com](mailto:admin@firstprespooler.com)) with any questions or for a Zoom link.

**Women's Study of Psalms** | Meets next on **Wed evening**. There will be a **recorded teaching time at 6 pm**, or you can watch/listen to the lesson on your own and come at **6:30 for discussion**. We will be discussing Lesson 8 on Psalm 91. Childcare is provided.

**5:11 Group** | Meets this Thursday from Noon - 2pm at the church. This group is for women over 55, and our theme is from I Thessalonians 5:11 - "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." If you'd like more information, please contact Cindy Cox.

**Communicants Class** | From April 12 to May 24 our 3rd - 5th grade will be going through the curriculum *Preparing for the Table*, during Sunday School in order to foster a conversation about church membership. If you have any questions, you can see our Children's Ministry director, Annie Lamson. We hope to also have a summer class for the youth, which will be announced once all the details are confirmed.



*A Service of Praise and Worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day*  
**March 15, 2026**

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 106:1-3**

Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?

Blessed are they who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times!

### **Response of Praise: I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

Trinity Hymnal #119

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn mine eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread  
or gaze upon the sky!

here's not a plant or flow'r below  
but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow,  
by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you  
is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that man can be,  
you, God, are present there.

## ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

Trinity Hymnal #521

**1** My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### **Refrain:**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**2** When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. **[Refrain]**

**3** His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. **[Refrain]**

**4** When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found:  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. **[Refrain]**

## **Prayer of Invocation & 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.

## **Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Questions 27-28**

*What do you understand by the providence of God?*

**God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

*What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?*

**We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.**

### **The Gloria Patri**

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.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin:**

**Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you.**

**Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace: *Romans 8:1-4***

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### **Tithes and Offerings: *Hebrews 13:5-6***

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

**Offertory: Come Thou Almighty King**

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
help us Thy name to sing;  
help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be  
hence, evermore.  
His sov'reign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore!

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

(p. 645 of Pew Bible)

[5] Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

[6] He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

[7] "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

[8] He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

[9] The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

[10] "I the LORD search the heart  
and test the mind,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his deeds."

**Minister: This is the Word of the Lord**

**People:** *Thanks Be to God!*

## **Hymn of Preparation: *The Church's One Foundation***

**1.** The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation,  
By water and the word;  
From Heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

**2.** Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the Earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

**3.** 'Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forever more;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

## **Preaching of God's Word: Ephesians 2:1-10**

(Page 976 of the pew Bible)

**1** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience —**3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **Closing Hymn: Come People of the Risen King**

Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice, Rejoice  
Let every tongue rejoice  
One heart, one voice  
O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world, His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age  
"Our God is all in all"

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## **Benediction**

## *Sermon Notes*

### **By Grace Through Faith Ephesians 1:15–23**

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**The Big Idea:** The matchless grace of God alone transforms the walk of His people.

#### **I. Know how you used to walk (vv. 1-3).**

#### **II. Know who you are now (vv. 4-9).**

A. Made alive (v. 5).

B. Raised us up with Christ (v. 6a).

C. Seated us with Christ (v. 6b).

D. Humbled by divine grace (vv. 7-9).

#### **III. New you, new walk (v. 10).**