



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WICHITA FALLS

August 29, 2021

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation Arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 95**

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE | How Firm a Foundation (see p. 2)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be a faithful church. We have devoted our hearts and minds to things temporal rather than eternal. We cling to idols, power, control, and image management. We have forgotten that we are all sinners made holy only by your grace. We have thought too highly of ourselves and rebelled against your love and decrees. We have not loved our neighbors and we have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, we pray, and give us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Time for silent prayer and confession*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE | How Firm a Foundation**

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis -  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to  
 4. The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re -

Lord, is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!  
 mayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
 go, the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 pose, I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said, to  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll

you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

**\*SONG OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE | How Great Thou Art**

*O Lord my God  
 When I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the worlds  
 Thy hands have made  
 I see the stars  
 I hear the rolling thunder  
 Thy pow'r thru'out  
 The universe displayed*

*And when I think  
 That God His Son not sparing  
 Sent Him to die  
 I scarce can take it in  
 That on the cross  
 My burden gladly bearing  
 He bled and died  
 To take away my sin*

*When Christ shall come  
 With shout of acclamation  
 And take me home  
 What joy shall fill my heart  
 Then I shall bow  
 In humble adoration  
 And there proclaim  
 My God how great Thou art*

*Then sings my soul  
 My Savior God to Thee  
 How great Thou art  
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**REPEAT**

**SCRIPTURE READING | Deuteronomy 7:6-11**

## PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

*The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God's redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at [myfirstpres.org/giving](http://myfirstpres.org/giving) or text "give" to 830-584-1063.*

## OFFERTORY | Gloria Fanfare Jerry Estes

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, let the people sing!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, let the praises ring!*

*Peace to the world, good tidings we bring,  
Let all creation lift their voice and sing!*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, let the people sing!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, let the praises ring!*

All children are welcome to come forward during the singing of Doxology to hear a kid friendly message at Moments with Children

## \*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. Amen.*

## MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*"The holy catholic church and the communion of saints" | Rev. Michael Hansen  
1 Peter 2:9-12 p. 1015 in pew Bible*

## \*CLOSING HYMN | There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

William Cowper

Lowell Mason

1. There is a fountain filled with blood drawn  
2. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall  
3. Then in a no-ble, sweet-er song, I'll

from Em-man-uel's veins; and sin-ners, plunged be-  
nev-er lose its pow'r till all the ran-somed  
sing Thy pow'r to save, when this poor lisp-ing,

neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains, lose  
Church of God be saved, to sin no more, be  
stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave, lies

all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains; and  
saved, to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till  
si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave, when

sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.  
all the ran - somed Church of God be saved, to sin no more.  
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**\*BENEDICTION**

**.POSTLUDE**

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

*All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.*

**EVERYONE**

**Rise Against Hunger**

Join us for a food packing event to help end hunger. September 12th from 2-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare available for kids 10 and under.

**Prayer**

Anyone that would like to be added to the prayer chain or is in need of prayer please contact the church office at 940-767-2547. Prayer needs can be shared with prayer chain or kept private between pastoral staff.

**PARENTS**

**The Art of Parenting Study**

Join Michael and Maggie Hansen as they lead in an exciting study teaching parents how to aim their child's heart toward God. The study will be Sunday evenings from 4-6pm and will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 21. Childcare will be provided. To register, scan the QR code or visit our website.



**MEN**

**Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Men across all life stages study together to develop hearts for God that will impact their home, their work, and the world. Contact Taz Ellett with any questions at tazellett@aol.com

**YOUTH**

**Youth Group**

Wednesday nights are back! Grades 6-12 join us from 6-7:30 in the Undercroft. Contact Michael Morris at michael@myfirstpres.org with any questions.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 90,240	\$587,561
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$68,565	\$529,916
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$21,676	\$57,646

*Period Ending July 31, 2021*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our loved ones by Jane and Fred Krautz.*

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