

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICHITA FALLS

October 31, 2021

A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Arr. Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God.

*CHORAL INTROIT

O God our Helper,
O God our Bulwark,
O God our Fortress!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #91

Psalm 46

Martin Luther

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1. A might - y For - tress is our God, a Bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our Help - er He a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right Man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

musical score for 'Declaration of Forgiveness' with lyrics: mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing, For still our an - cient foe doth Man of God's own choos - ing, Dost ask who that may be? Christ truth to tri - umph through us, The prince of dark - ness grim, we Him who with us sid - eth; let goods and kin - dred go, this seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and, Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sab - a - oth His name, from trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle. lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle Word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still; His King - dom is for - ev - er.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 40:21-31 p. 600 in pew Bible

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

*GLORY TO THE FATHER

Glory be to Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the begining is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

“The Decisive Moment of Repentance” | Rev. Michael Hansen

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.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL RESPONSE | One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord,
one church for which He died.
One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him
Who was and is and shall be evermore.*

*There is one body, one Spirit,
as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith,
one God and Father of all,
Who is in you all.*

*Though we be many people,
diverse with various gifts,
we are given to each other
for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,
in the fullness of Christ.*

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. & A. 21

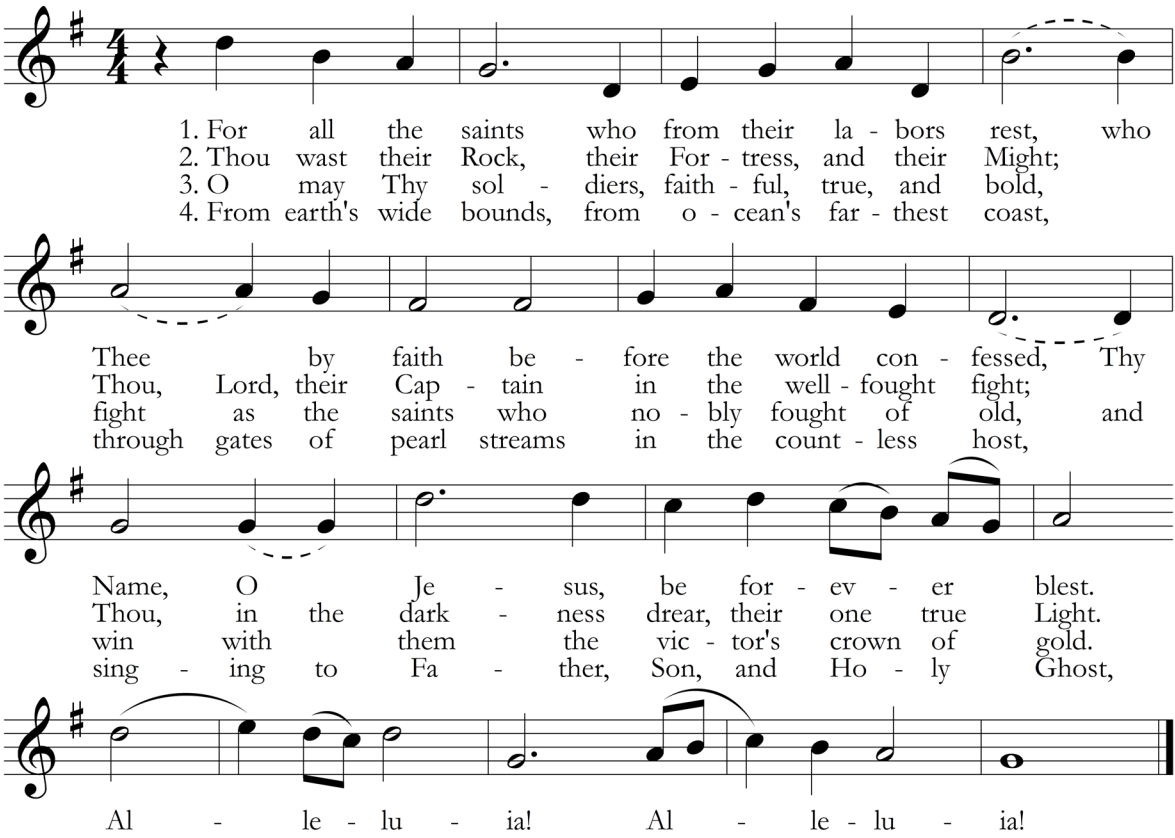
Who is the Redeemer of God’s Elect?

The only redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

*HYMN | For All the Saints #425 vv. 1, 2, 3, & 6

William Walsham How

R. Vaughan Williams



*BENEDICTION

*STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Arr. Homer Whitford

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

Our Vision

That all would know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Our Mission

Our mission is to produce authentic disciples of Jesus Christ who...

- Embrace biblical truth
- Embody Christian love
- Impart His gospel to the world

Our Core Values

Bible-centered preaching/teaching
Passionate evangelism
Biblical community

Godly servant leadership
World missions
Authentic worship

Effectual fervent prayer
Strong families
Warm fellowship

Announcements

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EVERYONE

Daylight Saving

Don't forget to "FALL BACK" on November 7th.

LOOKING AHEAD

Organ & Trumpet Recital

Christina Hargis and Joseph Cooper will be playing on November 13th at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Family Night Supper

November 17th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Menu will be released soon!

Thanksgiving Outreach

Bag delivery is the morning of November 20th. Head over to our website to sign up. Check the Narthex for orange bags.

Use This QR Code to see a full list of upcoming events.



CHILDREN

Crossings

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM. For ages 4 years old to 5th grade.

Children's Choir

Following Crossings from 6:00-6:30 PM in the Theater. For grades 1st to 5th.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Children and Family Ministry Director

FPC is searching for a Children and Family Ministry Director to lead and nurture discipleship ministry with parents and children ages 0 to 5th grade. Please be in prayer over the search for this position! Inquiries and applicants may email cfdirectorsearch@myfirstpres.org.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Current Period	Year To Date
Total Income	\$95,164	\$745,054
Total Expense	\$91,841	\$707,873
Net Income (Loss)	\$3,323	\$37,181

Period Ending September 30, 2021

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