



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 31, 2026

10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Amanda McDonald

PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Irish Folk Melody; Arranged by Paul Fey

SungKun Jung, organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amanda McDonald

Leader: We come as disciples of Jesus,

**People: still learning, still growing, still being formed.**

Leader: We come with faith and questions,

**People: trusting that Christ comes near to us.**

Leader: We come not to seek power, but to follow the way of love.

**People We come to be shaped by mercy, truth, justice, and grace.**

Leader: Christ sends us to make disciples,

**People and promises to be with us always.**

Leader: Let us worship the risen Christ.

**Unison: Let us worship God together.**

\*HYMN # 353 (verses 1, 2, 4)

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*  
Words by Edward Mote, 1834; Music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

Glory to God

**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.**

**When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]**

**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 CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

John Burks

**God of grace, we confess that we are often tempted by control. We want your kingdom, but we also want it our way. We want to follow Jesus, but we are easily pulled toward power, fear, comfort, and certainty. Forgive us for the times we have confused faithfulness with winning, and for the times we have invoked your name while forgetting the ways of Jesus. Teach us again to be disciples. Help us to keep watch over your mercy, truth, justice, humility, and most importantly your love. Draw near to us in grace and form us again in the ways of Christ... (*Silent Confession*) ... Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*  
Words and Music by Steve Merkel, 2000

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy on — me.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy on — me. me.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody, with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody, including a double bar line with first and second endings marked '1' and '2'.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also, with you**

**CHILDREN’S SONG #591**

*Halle, Hallel Hallelujah*  
Traditional Caribbean Song

Glory to God

**Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah!**  
**Hal-le, Hal-le, hallelujah! hallelujah! hallelujah!**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Amanda McDonald

**ANTHEM**

*The Journey Home*  
Words by Pamela Stewart; Music by Pamela Stewart

Chancel Choir  
Tom King, cello  
SungKun Jung, piano

Alleluia! We walk by faith and not by sight,  
 this life a winding journey home.  
 All though at times the pain is dark,  
 we do not travel it alone.  
 There is no cause for fear or dread.  
 The Spirit knows what lies ahead,  
 remaining faithful by our side,  
 an ever-present help and guide.  
 We know in part; we dimly see  
 as through a darkened glass.  
 Yet we shall know as we are known,  
 our vision clear at last.  
 What waits for us beyond the veil  
 lies hidden from our sight  
 in mystery until the time we cross into its light.  
 Our journey does not go unseen  
 by those who stand on heaven’s shore,  
 they do not sleep. They watch and wait,  
 the saints who traveled there before.  
 Like them, we too will run the race  
 And meet the Savior face to face  
 inside the new Jerusalem,  
 our homeward journey at an end!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
 We walk by faith and not by sight. Alleluia!

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amanda McDonald

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 28:16-20*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### SERMON

*Threads of Hope*

Amanda McDonald

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Isaac Thomas

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Prayer of Peace*

Words by St. Francis of Assisi; Music by Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir  
Mallory Willard, oboe  
SungKun Jung, piano

Make me a channel of your peace;  
where there is hatred let me love.  
Where there is injury, a healing power;  
Where there is doubt, true faith in you.  
Make me a channel of your peace;  
where there is despair; let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, light,  
and where there is sadness, ever joy.  
O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning we are pardoned  
It is in giving that we receive;  
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Make me a channel of your peace.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amanda McDonald

### \*RESPONSE # 581

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

Words: Traditional; Music by Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glory to God

**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.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Isaac Thomas

God, in your grace.  
You hear our prayers.

### 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

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Isaac Thomas

**\*HYMN #765**

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*  
Words by Alvin Schutmaat, 1984; Argentine Folk Melody

Glory to God

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Amanda McDonald

**PARTICIPANTS**

**Interim Senior Pastor** – Rev. Stewart Smith

**Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder** – Isaac Thomas

**Director of Christian Education** – Kristi Button

**Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries** – Amanda McDonald

**Audio/Visual Team** – Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

**Choral Interns** – Amelia Booker, Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Verna Labitad, Aiden Thompson

**Worship Band** – Nina Andrews (drums), Rob Button (guitar), Dennis Brewer (guitar), Jeffrey Kerst (bass)

**Organist** – Xiao McCollum

**Pianist/Choral Accompanist** – SungKun Jung

**Membership Coordinator** – Amy McCann

**Childcare Coordinator** – Mina Smith

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**Threads of Hope:**

1. Jesus comes \_\_\_\_\_ before Jesus sends, and the commission begins with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus already has \_\_\_\_\_, so we do not need \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Discipleship is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ work, but it is where Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ we feel in society today are \_\_\_\_\_. The mixing of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is as old as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ means to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the commands of Jesus.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is an outward sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_. It is a reminder that our \_\_\_\_\_ lies in \_\_\_\_\_ first.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_.