

# Plumb Lining Our Faith

## Summer 2022 Sermon Series



**“By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ’s body, the church. As a member of this community, I trust God’s Word, share in the Lord’s Supper, and turn to God in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do good works that God intends for my life,”**  
**PC (USA) Study Catechism, Q.4**

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 7, 2022

Ordinary Time

*Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ORGAN PRELUDE

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

William H. Doane; arr. Joseph Prentiss

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 99:1-5, CEV)

One: Our Lord is King!

**All: We praise you for you alone are God.**

One: You are worthy of praise.

**All: God is our mighty King, a lover of fairness.**

One: We praise our Lord and our God.

**All: We worship you, our God of all.**

\*HYMN #838

*Standing on the Promises of God*

Standing on the Promises of Christ my king,

Through eternal ages let his praises ring;

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,

Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing, standing,

Standing on the promises of God my Savior;

Standing, standing,

I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,

When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God I shall prevail,

Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,

The quotation in the Prayer of Confession comes from Questions 56 and 60 of the Study Catechism of the PC (USA). They say: "What does it mean to be baptized? My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever. As I am baptized with water, he baptizes me with his Spirit, washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control. My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with him in glory, and may walk with him even now in newness of life. . . . The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal by which our communion with Christ is renewed."

Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tender mercies, we admit that we are leaning a bit, sometimes quite a bit. We want to be upright and straight in following you. But we allow thoughts, actions, and even the opinions of others get in the way of making our plumb line straight. We want to be certain that "our baptisms mean we are joined to Jesus Christ forever." We want to know deep in our hearts that "the Lord's Supper is the sign and seal by which our communion with Christ is renewed." But we fall short. Show us how to do and be better. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession.)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1, CEB)

One: "Since we have been made righteous through His faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." We are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*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.**

**HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pictured on the front of the bulletin is a plumb line which is an effective, ancient, simple device to determine if a wall is being built straight. God, speaking to the prophet Amos, uses the image of the plumb line to examine the people's faithful living. This image along with Q.4 of the Study Catechism of the PC(USA) are the bases for our sermon series: "Plumb Lining Our Faith." Today is the last Sunday in this series. If you missed a Sunday, sermons and entire worship services are available on [www.firstpresbyterianelcampo.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianelcampo.org).

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:18-22, CEB

Christ himself suffered on account of sins, once for all, the righteous one on behalf of the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring you into the presence of God. Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit. And it was by the Spirit that he went to preach to the spirits in prison. In the past, these spirits were disobedient—when God patiently waited during the time of Noah. Noah built an ark in which a few (that is, eight) lives were rescued through water. Baptism is like that. It saves you now—not because it removes dirt from your body but because it is the mark of a good conscience toward God. Your salvation comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at God’s right side. Now that he has gone into heaven, he rules over all angels, authorities, and powers.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, MSG

Let me go over with you again exactly what goes on in the Lord’s Supper and why it is so centrally important. I received my instructions from the Master himself and passed them on to you. The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said, This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me. After supper, he did the same thing with the cup: This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me. What you must solemnly realize is that every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master. You will be drawn back to this meal again and again until the Master returns. You must never let familiarity breed contempt.

“The First Epistle of Peter is a book of the New Testament. The author presents himself as Peter the Apostle. The ending of the letter includes a statement that implies that it was written from "Babylon," which is possibly a reference to Rome. The letter is addressed to the "chosen pilgrims of the diaspora" in Asia Minor suffering religious persecution.” - Wikipedia

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Plumb Lining Our Faith: Celebrating the Sacraments*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *He Is Lord* (with *When Morning Gilds the Skies*)  
arr. Cindy Berry

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)

**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.**

Written in 1969, *He Is Lord* is a song based on the confession of faith recorded in Philippians 2:9-11. Each four-line stanza begins with a declaration: *He is Lord!... He is King!... He is Love!... He is Life!* The second tune heard in today's offertory is LAUDES DOMINI, which accompanies the hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies*. This hymn was originally a German poem from 1828, consisting of 14 stanzas by an anonymous author. Six stanzas, translated into English, were set to the new tune by Joseph Barnby in 1868; it became his most famous hymn of the 246 hymn tunes he composed. (#667 in *GtG*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with You

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

*The elements used in the Lord's Supper are wine (red) or juice (golden) and bread or gluten-free crackers (in the small dish). When passing the bread to your neighbor, say, "This is the Bread of Life." When passing the wine or juice to your neighbor, say, "This is the Cup of Salvation." You may partake of the elements as you receive them.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN #301 *Let Us Build a House* (s. 1,3,5)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water,  
wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through  
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome;  
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and  
visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and  
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this  
house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome;  
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Go Forth in Faith*

Christopher Gale

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Erin McGee, preaching  
Ted Lashley, musician, adult music director  
Bill & John Bender, David Sabrsula, Ushers

## **THIS WEEK AT FPC:**

Thursday, August 11  
Sunday, August 14

FPCEC Golf Tournament  
11:00 am – Worship

## PRAYER LIST:

Blair Couey  
Alexander Stillman  
Bill Bourne

Kinney Halamiccek  
Lela & Truitt Thompson  
Stephen Gaines

## FPC Golf Tournament

FPC Annual Golf Tournament, Auction and Meal is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 5:30pm. Entry fee is \$60.00 and includes fajita dinner and 2 tickets for Yeti cooler raffle. There will be a live auction - \$5 Yeti cooler raffle tickets are available. Prizes paid to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please sign up in the Pro Shop or call/text Gerry Couey 979-541-6926 or Blake Barger 979-332-9663. For those who want to just come for the meal, that price \$25, will begin serving at 6:30 pm – please RSVP.



## This Fall . . . Will Be Full of Questions and Maybe a Few Answers!

Beginning in October, Erin will lead a midweek, lunchtime book study on *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by scholar Amy-Jill Levine.

ALSO, Erin will be preaching a Fall sermon series based on questions of faith. We all have questions, like: How do I know God loves me? Do I need a personal relationship with God? If God has a plan for my life, how to I “hear” God’s leading? If God has a plan for my life, how do I trust that plan is “good” regardless of the hurt I endure?

*So, what faith questions do you have? What do you wonder about God, faith, Bible, life? Fill*

### Questions of Faith

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out the box below and put it in the offering plate. Or text or email Erin. Or call Erin. (You are welcome to add your name or submit anonymously.)

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