

First Presbyterian Church

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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

We belong to the family of the Redeemed.
Transformed by the grace of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
we are delighting in the supremacy of God in all things
as we reach up to Him in worship,
reach in to one another with biblical teaching and shepherding care,
and reach out to the world with Christ.

So that in everything He might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18

Order of Worship

God's Greeting

Psalm 68:19

Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.

Preparation for Worship

In his head he suffered from the crown of piercing thorns; in his hands and feet, from the driven nails; on his face from the blows and spittle; and over his entire body from the lashes of the whip. Moreover, he suffered in all his bodily senses: in touch, by being scourged and nailed; in taste, by being given vinegar and gall to drink; in smell, by being nailed to the cross in a place reeking with the stench of corpses, which is called Calvary; in hearing, by being tormented with the cries of blasphemers and scorners; in sight, by beholding the tears of his mother and of the disciples whom he loved.

Thomas Aquinas

Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of Praise — Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1. Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the tree! 'Tis the
2. Tell me ye who hear him groan-ing, was there e-ver grief like his? Friends thro'
3. Ye who think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil great, here may
4. Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the re-fuge of the lost; Christ the



Christ by man re-ject-ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the
fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-sult-ing his dis-tress; ma-ny
view its na-ture right-ly, here its guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the
rock of our sal-va-tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of



long-ex-pect-ed pro-phet, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; by his
hands were raised to wound him, none would in-ter-pose to save; but the
sac-ri-fice ap-point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the
God, for sin-ners wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



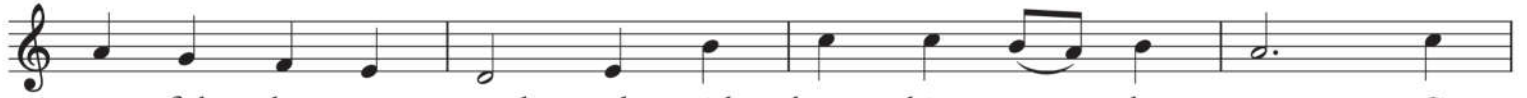
Son God now has spo-ken: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.
Word the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
e-ver be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — O Sacred Head Now Wounded



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down; now
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered, was all for sin - ners' gain: mine,
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend, for



scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown; O
mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain. Lo,
this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end? O



sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine! Yet,
here_ I fall, my Sa - vior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look
make me thine for - e - ver; and should I faint - ing be, Lord,



though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call thee mine.
on_ me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
let_ me ne - ver, ne - ver out - live my love to thee.

Prayer of Confession

Father, I plead Jesus' blood to pay my debts of wrong.

Accept his worthiness **for my unworthiness,**
his sinlessness **for my transgressions,**
his purity **for my uncleanness,**
his sincerity **for my duplicity,**
his truth **for my deceits,**
his meekness **for my pride,**
his constancy **for my backslidings,**
his love **for my hatred,**
his fullness **for my emptiness,**
his faithfulness **for my disloyalty,**
his obedience **for my lawlessness,**
his glory **for my shame,**
his devotedness **for my waywardness,**
his holy life **for my impure ways,**
his righteous faithfulness **for my faithless works,**
his death **for my life.**

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To all who have received the Gospel,
know that in Christ, your sins are forgiven and be at peace.

Song of Rejoicing — O Mighty Cross

1. O might - y cross, love lift - ed high,
2. O might - y cross, what throne of grace,
3. O might - y cross, O Christ, so pure,
4. O might - y cross, my soul's re - lease;

the Lord of life raised there to die;
he knew no sin, yet took my place;
love held him there, such shame en - dured;
the stripes he bore have brought me peace;

his sa - cri - fice on Cal - va - ry

has made the might - y cross a tree of life to me.

Sermon

The Darkness that Leads to Light
Matthew 27:45-56

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – How Deep the Father’s Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his should - ers. A -
3. I will not boast in a - ny-thing; no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scoff - ers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - sur - ec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
was my sin that held him there, un - til it was ac - com - plished. His
should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: his gift has paid my ran - som.

Benediction – From Colossians 3:1-4, 2 Corinthians 1:24, 4:12

Now to you who have died,
and been buried and been raised in Christ,
and whose life has been hidden in Christ
and who will be revealed with him in glory –
go, knowing that it is by your faith that you stand firm,
by his life that is at work in you.

