

First Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Sanctuary Worship

Prelude ~ "Meditation, from Thais" by Jules Massenet

Jorge Rodriguez Ochoa, Violinist

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

All praise is due to the Lord our God!

Amen!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

Be to the Lord God forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise #35 ~ Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In Jesus name we pray. *(Time for silent confession)* **Amen.**

Children's Message

Choral Anthem: "I Love You, Lord," by Larry Shackley

FPC Tenor and Bass ensemble

Scripture Reading ~ *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-28*

Sermon ~ Dr. Bradley K. Walker ~ "So many gods. So many choices."

Prayers of the People 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.

*Statement of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn of Sending #700 ~ I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ~ "Toccata on Glorious Words of Thee Are Spoken" by Joel Raney

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8:30am Chapel and 10:30am Sanctuary
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