

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 25, 2024 at 10 am

Sola scriptura, solus Christus, sola fida, sola gratia, soli Deo gloria

According to **Scripture** alone, in **Christ** alone, through **faith** alone, by **grace** alone, for **God's glory** alone

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #333: **SEEK YE FIRST**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things
Shall be added unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God:
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.

**Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."**

Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

**Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

Based on Psalm 66:1-5, 8.

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WE BOW DOWN

You are Lord of creation
And Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be.

*We bow down,
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
Lord of all lords You will be.*

You are King of creation
And King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens
Before there was time
And King of all kings You will be.

*We bow down
And we crown You the King
We bow down
And we crown You the King
We bow down
And we crown You the King
King of all kings You will be.*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

* *Please stand if you are able*

HYMN #101: WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 Save in the death of Christ my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"The Five Solas"*

Ephesians 2:4-10; 3:14-21

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. . . .

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge —that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SPEAK, O LORD

Speak, O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of **Your holy word**;
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of **Christ** might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith;
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes **for Your glory**.

Teach us, Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our **faith** to rise;
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority;
Words of power that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by **grace** we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with **Your glory**.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Please stand if you are able*

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Aug. 27** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, Aug. 28** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
Lawn Concert with the *Coast Trio* (6:30–8:00)
- Sunday, Sept. 1** Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

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