



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DUNCANVILLE



WORSHIP SERVICE | AUGUST 17, 2025

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

One: Holy Spirit, fill this place with Your wisdom and power!

All: Praise be to our triune God who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: BETTER WORD

Your blood is healing every wound

Your blood is making all things new

Your blood speaks a better word

Do you believe it?

Your blood, the measure of my worth

Your blood, more than I deserve

Your blood speaks a better word

Speaks a better word

[Chorus]

It's singing It's singing out with life

It's shouting down the lies, ayy

Oh, it echoes through the night

The precious blood of Christ

Speaks a better word,

speaks a better word

Your blood Your blood, a robe of righteousness

Your blood, my hope, my hope and my defense

Your blood, forever, forever covers me

Oh, forever covers me, yeah

[Chorus]

It's rewriting my history

It covers me with destiny, yes, it does

It's making all things right

The precious blood of Christ

It's rewriting my history, yeah, yeah, yeah

It covers me with destiny

Oh, it's making all things right

It's making all things right

The precious blood of Christ

It's rewriting my history

Oh, it covers me with destiny

It's making all things right

The precious blood of Christ **X2**

It's singing out with life
Come on
It's shouting down the lies
It echoes through the night
Oh, it echoes through the night
The precious blood of Christ
Speaks a better word, ayy, it speaks a better word
It's calling
And it's calling out my name
And it's breaking every chain
It's making all things right
And it's making all things right
The precious blood of Christ
Speaks a better word, speaks a better word, yeah
Whoah, whoah
Whoah, whoah
Oh, it's making all things right
The precious blood of Christ
Speaks a better word, speaks a better word
Come on we gotta sing that again
Come on prophesy, ayy
Whoah, whoah
Whoah, whoah
It's making all things right
Oh, it's making all things right
The precious blood of Christ
Speaks a better word, speaks a better word

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

There is nothing like the presence of the Lord
Nothing like His presence
Nothing like His presence
There is nothing like the presence of the Lord
Nothing like like the presence of the the Lord.
There is nothing like the presence of the Lord
Nothing like His presence
Nothing like His presence
There is nothing like the presence of the Lord
Nothing like like the presence of the the Lord.

There is nothing like the goodness of the Lord
Nothing like His Goodness
Nothing like His Goodness

There is nothing like the goodness of the Lord
Nothing like the goodness of the Lord

There is nothing like the power of the Lord
Nothing like His Power
Nothing like His Power
There is nothing like the power of the Lord
nothing like the power of the Lord
Nothing like the goodness of the Lord
Nothing like like the presence of the the Lord.
The Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As written by: Thom Shurman

ONE: Peace is the heirloom promised to us,
forgiveness is the inheritance
passed on to us through Christ.
May we know God's peace,
and be healed of our brokenness,
as we confess our sins to God, saying,

ALL: Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us?

Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOOD GOOD FATHER

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways
Oh, You're perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

And You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
(You're a good, good Father)
You are perfect in all of Your ways (it's who You are, it's who You are, it's
who You are)
(And I'm loved by You)
You are perfect in all of Your ways (it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I
am)

OFFERING
ANTHEM
ANCIENT OF DAYS

SCRIPTURE EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

SERMON “CHOSEN IN CHRIST: GRACE BEFORE YOU KNEW IT”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG: WHO AM I?

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name?

Would care to feel my hurt?

Who am I, that the bright and morning star would choose to light the way

For my ever wandering heart?

(CHORUS)Not because of who I am

**But because of what you've done Not because of what I've
done But because of who you are**

I am a flower quickly fading

Here today and gone tomorrow

A wave tossed in the ocean (ocean)

A vapor in the wind

Still you hear me when I'm calling

Lord, you catch me when I'm falling

And you've told me who I am I am yours, I am yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love

And watch me rise again

Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the

rain And calm the storm in me? **CHORUS X2** I am yours I am yours

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? 'Cause I am yours I am yours

BENEDICTION

Announcements

Prayer Walk Around FPCD

Sunday, August 17th at 6:00pm, we as a church will come together to pray over our church building, inside and out, seeking the Lord's blessing, His presence, and doing His will as the faithful body of Christ.

Snacks and drinks for Reed Middle School teachers and staff!

Starting next week we will accept donations to show our love and appreciation for our neighbors at Reed Middle School. There will be a collection box in the narthex. We will bring to Reed on 8/20.

Community Fall Bash September 20th!

Mark your calendars, we will be hosting a day of fun and fellowship for our whole community! Next week there will be a display in the Narthex that will invite you to partner with us in sharing the joy of Christ with our neighbors! Thank you Jeff Thorpe for organizing this day!

It is Lemonade on the Lawn Season!

Sign up now in the narthex.

Sermons are available online at www.fpcd.org/sermons.
The "W" stands for Hymnal for Worship & Celebration.
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Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here, please fill out a visitor card from the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

Sunday School and Children

Sunday school for adults and children meets at 9:15 AM in the Education Building. During the service, nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building. Children are welcome to stay with you during the service, and are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. If your child needs something to keep them busy, kids' activity boxes are available in the entry hall!



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Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community