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## TOTAL COMMITMENT

Joshua 24:1-25 & 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Bartow is:  
making it simple for people to find and follow Jesus

- ◆ experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,
- ◆ grow in faith,
- ◆ live their lives in loving relationship with Christ, and
- ◆ minister to those outside the Christian faith.

As a church family, we are committed to being people who **LOVE**:

1) Jesus 2) God's Word 3) One Another 4) Our City 5) Families 6) Stewardship

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## MORNING WORSHIP

### PRAISE AND ADORATION

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER

#### ACOLYTES

Rachel Hebb and Mei Mei Lauen

#### \*SONGS OF PRAISE

#### "Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.  
I was lost but He brought me in.  
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Chorus: Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me

#### *Repeat Chorus*

In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

(REPEAT)

I am who You say I am.

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#### "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

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For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

I find my strength, I find my hope, I find my help in Christ alone.  
When fear assails, when darkness falls, I find my peace in Christ alone.

I give my life, I give my all, I sing my song to Christ alone.  
The King of kings, the Lord I love. All heaven sings to Christ alone.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!  
Here in the power of Christ we stand!

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## "Nothing But The Blood"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Chorus:** Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Repeat Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Repeat Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Repeat Chorus*

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## PRAYER

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

After Offering, children K-5th grade may be excused to Children's Church

## GOD'S WORD TO US

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## SERMON

*Total Commitment*

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## PRAYER

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## \*SONGS OF RESPONSE

### “King Of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Chorus:* Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

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### “O Come Let Us Him” - “Doxology”

O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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## \*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP!** — We are so glad you're here! We hope you are able to feel God's presence here as you worship with us this morning! We invite everyone, members, guests and visitors alike to please take a moment to **sign in using the red attendance pad located in each pew and pass it down to your neighbor**. You can also scan, tap, or click the QR code to access the online check-in page. We hope you find our time together inspiring, meaningful, challenging and perhaps even a little fun. Thanks for coming!



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## THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Make plans to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Celebration happening after morning worship service on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **We need volunteers to prepare turkeys!**

First Presbyterian will provide the turkeys and aluminum pans with cover for serving.

### **TURKEYS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COURTYARD THIS MORNING, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, AFTER MORNING SERVICE.**

Bring your prepared and sliced — ready to serve turkey to the kitchen anytime after 8:30 AM on Sunday morning, November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you prepared your turkey using peanut oil, please include a note indicating as such for those with peanut allergies.

We also need volunteers to bring side dishes, desserts, bread, and beverages. To sign-up, email the church office at [office@fpcbartow.org](mailto:office@fpcbartow.org) or sign up on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex. Morning worship begins at 10:15 AM.  
**Invite your family and friends!**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** — Mica Barrington, Jesse Beeles, Laurie Benton, John Bianco, Sonja Bianco, Wayne Blount, Drew & Priscilla Boren, Becky Braswell, Michael Brinsley, Dr. Bill Brown in China, Harriet Campbell, Kathi Colvin, Marsha Dalley, David Delph, Becky Falcone (Owen), Sarah Hallock, Dot Harris, Doug Hartsaw, Matt Heidel, Dell & Rose Henderson, June Hollingsworth, Travis Hoover, Melody Horne, Shirley Johnson, Robert Jones, Johnathan Kimble, Nixon Knights, Fred & Sheila Lepley, Bill McClintock, David McClintock, Monette Monroe, Ezra Myers, Becky Arnold Pate, David Patt, Jerry Patt, Willene Pawley, Benjamin Sanchez, Luke Shaver, Lisa Shenson, John Stansel, David Stewart, Toni Strickland, David Tanner, Vicki Tillis, Debbie & Ted Turbe, Cathy Whistin, Glenda Wiggins, Pam Zeigler and Family, Patrick Zier, Our Pastor & family, Our Elders and Staff, Our Children & Youth, Our Military & their families, Our Nation, Leaders, Community & Our Church.

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**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER MINISTRY** — Every Sunday during our morning service our Morning Prayer Person is praying for our needs, our pastor and ministry leaders and for our worship time together. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry please sign up in the narthex. We have many opportunities still available.

**MORNING PRAYER PERSON** — Faye DeJong

**POINSETTIA SIGN UP** — Sign up sheets for poinsettias are available in the Narthex. The cost this year is \$9.00 per plant. The poinsettias will decorate our sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 8th and may be taken home after our Christmas Eve Service. You may pay for your poinsettias by check, cash, or online. When paying by check or cash please designate the amount for Poinsettias on the memo line or envelope. To pay online scan the QR Code to be taken to our secure order form.



**INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP — SUNDAY AT 4:00 PM IN CHURCH OFFICE** — the Intercessory Prayer Group gathers Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM in the church office to pray for the needs of our church family and friends. All are invited to come and join the prayer group.

**WOMEN OF THE CLOTH** — Join Women of the Cloth sewing group **Mondays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in the East Room.** Stay for the day or drop in for a bit.

**IT'S HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE TIME!** — **Bring your donations of non-perishable and canned food for our Community Service Center no later than Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Bags are available in the narthex this morning. Thank you!

**THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — 7:15 AM every Thursday at PalletOne Corporate Office, 6001 Foxtrot Ave., Bartow.

**THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study meets each Thursday morning at 9:30 AM in the East Room.

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING** — Thank you for your continued support of the mission & ministry of First Presbyterian Church! Your gift helps us live out our mission of connecting every life to Jesus. There are many ways to give: at church during morning worship, by mail - P.O. Box 1412; Bartow, FL 33831, or online - [fpcbartow.org/give](http://fpcbartow.org/give)

**MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP** will meet tomorrow evening, Monday, **November 11th**, 6:00 PM at the home of **Jan Heidel, 2315 EF Griffin Road, Bartow.** Bring a covered dish, your Bible and a friend. The Group will meet again on Monday, November 18th at the home of Ann Longboy, 810 E. Stuart Street, Bartow, for a special Friendsgiving Celebration. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving food. Turkey will be provided. All women are invited to come and join in this fun fellowship event.

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## Christmas Sock Drive

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study ladies are assembling Christmas gift bags for our Grace Diner guests. Between now and December 15<sup>th</sup> we are collecting new socks and travel size / hotel shampoo to be included in the gift bags.

You may bring your donations to church next Sunday or drop them off at the church office through the week.

**Thank you!**