

# 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

\*Please stand if you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

## Preparation for Worship

O Lord our God, grant us Your grace today as we hear the word preached, that we may attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer. Help us examine what we hear from the Scriptures, that we might receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God, meditating on it; contemplating it in our hearts; memorizing its content and applying it by bringing forth the fruit of it in our lives for the glory of Jesus. Amen.

based on Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 160

## Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-10

- I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- <sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!
- <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

## Prayer of Adoration

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

## Profession of Faith

## Heidelberg Catechism

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

**Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

**First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God’s majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and answer me. I am poor and needy.  
Save my life for you are the only God. For to you I cry.

You, O Lord, are full of mercy. Gracious are you, O God.  
Slow to anger abounding in faithfulness. Turn to me, deliver me.  
Save me in Your love.

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving. Give ear to my prayer.  
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You. (Chorus)

### Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!  
Romans 10:9-13

<sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

\*Song of Rejoicing

He Will Hold Me Fast

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight. Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost. His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life, He bled and died. Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied. He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.  
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. (Chorus)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 4:1-6  
The Light of the Gospel—The Glory of Christ

Pastor Andy Aikens

\*Song of Response

Yet, Not I, But Through Christ in Me

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What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his!  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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\*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
<sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.





## Psalm 86: Hear My Prayer



1. Hear my prayer O Lord, and answer me.  
2. You O Lord, are good and forgiving.

3  
I am poor and needy. Save my life, for  
Give ear to my prayer. Teach your way, so that

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You are the only God. For to you I cry  
I may walk in your truth. Fix my heart to fear you.

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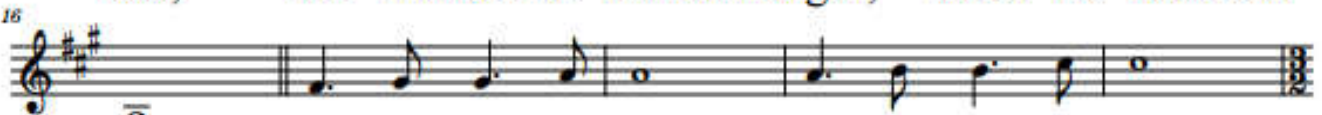
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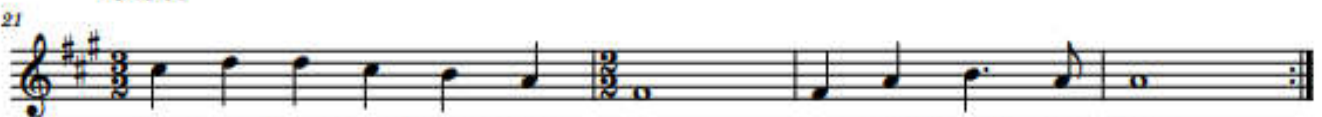
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 2. The night is dark, but I am not for-sak - en, for by my  
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 new me, un-til I stand with joy be-fore the throne.

To this I hold: My hope is on-ly Je - sus, for my  
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 deepest val-ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I  
 now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re-leased. I can  
 glo-ry ev - er-more to Him. When the race is com-plete, still my

sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 shall o-ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
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## News and Announcements

Young people will meet tonight at the home of Rich and Judy Parks beginning at 4 p.m.

There will be a Fellowship Lunch after worship on **March 17**. Signup sheets are in the hallway.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, **March 23**, at 8 a.m.

The Worship Schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

**March 24** Palm Sunday - Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m.

**March 28** Maundy Thursday Service - 6 p.m.

**March 29** Good Friday Service - 6 p.m.

**March 31** Easter Sunday - Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. No evening service.

Plateau Pregnancy Services Annual Banquet is Tuesday, **March 26** at 6 p.m. at Redemption Church, 75 Commercial Drive. Wear your blue jeans! Dinner is free, but it is an opportunity to donate. RSVP 931-337-5609 by March 15th.

Choir rehearsal is from 5:30-6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Team leaders will be contacting women for a first group meeting, likely to happen in April. Please look for an email soon regarding more details.

## First Catechism (for children of all ages)

Weeks 1-5 God

Weeks 6-12 Creation

Weeks 13-19 Fall/Sin

Weeks 20-28 Salvation by grace alone, through Christ alone

Week 27, March 3

What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace?  
To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.

Week 28, March 10

How does God justify you?  
God forgives all my sins and accepts me as righteous through Christ.



## Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Study	6:00 p.m.
Women's Monday Theology Study	2:00 p.m.
Men's Thursday Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch	Monthly
Women's Tuesday Bible Study	9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 3/3/2024	\$ 27,540
Giving YTD	\$ 126,173
YTD Budget	\$ 62,316

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 2,205
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 1,000

## Our Missionary Family

### International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sophia Bulgaria  
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa  
Gary & Lois Watanabe, MTW Japan  
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT  
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels

### Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell  
Church Plant in Dunlap  
Plateau Pregnancy Services  
Good Samaritans  
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel

## Session

Andy Aikens TE, Senior Pastor  
Robert Berman, RE '27  
Bobby Duck RE '25  
Bill Hoover RE, Clerk '25  
Jim Sparks RE '26  
Forrest Marion RE '26

## Security Team

Today	Orville Ennis Mike McCrabb
Next Week	Orville Ennis

## Greeters

Today	Jim & Carol Sparks
Next Week	Vince & Louise Grilley

## Staff

Assistant Pastor	Dick Gillen TE
Music Director	Matt Bundy
Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Financial Admin	Holly Kisly
Admin Assistant	Beth McCrabb
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols
Accompanists	Matt Bundy, Scott Hewitt Robert Berman, Hope Aikens

## Nursery

Today	Cathy Hutchens Hope Aikens
Next Week	Lynn Miser Sandy Reed

## Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25  
Greg Wood '24  
Vince Grilley '26  
John Reed '26