

# 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

Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit, we worship you as the one living and true God revealed in three Persons for bringing sinners to a saving knowledge of you and adopting us into your family. You are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in all your attributes. For this reason, we are assured that when we pray you hear us and answer us. O Father, you are enthroned to hear our prayers. O Jesus, your hand is outstretched to take our petitions. O Holy Spirit, you are willing to help our infirmities. As we now approach your throne in worship, may we experience all these benefits, for your glory.

Based on WLC 6-11 and Valley of Vision, *The Trinity*

## Call to Worship

## Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
<sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*  
<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!  
<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

## Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

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O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

\*Hymn of Praise

Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

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Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name; for His mercies, firm and sure,  
From eternity the same, to eternity endure.  
Praise Him, ye who know His love! Praise Him from the depths beneath!  
Praise Him in the heights above! Praise your Maker all that breathe!

Let the ransomed thus rejoice, gathered out of every land,  
As the people of His choice, plucked from the destroyer's hand.  
Praise Him, ye who know His love! Praise Him from the depths beneath!  
Praise Him in the heights above! Praise your Maker all that breathe!

For His truth and mercy stand, past, and present, and to be,  
Like the years of His right hand, like His own eternity.  
Praise Him, ye who know His love! Praise Him from the depths beneath!  
Praise Him in the heights above! Praise your Maker all that breathe!

- 21 “Fear not, O land;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the LORD has done great things!
- 22 Fear not, you beasts of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit;  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- 23 “Be glad, O children of Zion,  
and rejoice in the LORD your God,  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the latter rain, as before.
- 24 “The threshing floors shall be full of grain;  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 I will restore to you the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent among you.
- 26 “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- 28 “And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.
- 29 Even on the male and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.
- 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed.  
 It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.  
 And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord  
 Will shine like the sun forevermore.  
 It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.  
 Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.  
 When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,  
 Do not let the dark steal your song.  
 It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

It's not long till the Day of the Lord,  
 It's not long till the Day of the Lord!  
 Everything that is broken will soon be restored.  
 It's not long till the Day of the Lord!

Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,  
 For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.  
 And our God comes with laughter, let him be your joy.  
 The power of the sword, he'll destroy.  
 It's not long till the Day of the Lord! (Chorus)

### Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

**A. I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

To all who have received the Gospel,  
know that in Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Song of Rejoicing

Jesus Paid It All

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I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. (Chorus)

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim —  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb. (Chorus)

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. (Chorus)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:14-21  
Sacrifice and Justification

Pastor Andy Aikens

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath— we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

\*Benediction

Based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Because you are a new creation in Christ,  
reconciled to God and righteous in His eyes,  
may you experience the empowering grace of our great God  
to live as His ambassadors in this world proclaiming the message of reconciliation,  
so that many will come to Him to be robed in the Righteousness of Christ.

# Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

1. Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name, for His  
 2. Let the ran - somed thus re - joice, gath-ered  
 3. For His truth and mer - cy\_ stand: Past and

mer - cies, firm and sure. From e - ter - ni - ty the  
 out of ev - 'ry land as the peo - ple of his  
 pre - sent, and to be, like the years of his right

same, to e - ter - ni - ty\_ en - dure. Praise Him,  
 choice, plucked from the De - stroy-er's hand.  
 hand, like his own e - ter - ni - ty.

ye who know his love! Praise Him from the depths be-neath! Praise Him

in the heights a-bove! Praise your ma - ker, all that breathe!

Chords: B>, E>/B>, B>, Gm, F/A, B>, E>/B>, B>, E>, F, Gm, B>, F sus, E>, B>/D, F sus, B>/D, E>, F, Gm, B>/D, E>, F, B>

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# The Day of The Lord (Psalm 37)

Wendell Kimbrough

1. It's not long till the boast-ful are  
2. Just be still and be faith-ful and  
3. Do not fear for the wick-ed with  
si-lenced andshamed. It's not long till thewealth of the  
dwell in the land. Put your trust in the Sav-ior and  
weap-ons of war, for the Lord is the shel-ter and  
wick ed's re-claimed. And the ones who have wait-ed with  
cling to His hand. Whenyour heart burns with an-ger for  
strength of the poor. And our God comes with laugh-ter, let  
eyes on the Lord will shine like the sun for-ev-er-  
all that is wrong, do not let the dark steal your  
him be your joy. The power of the sword he'll de-  
more. It's not long till the day of the Lord!  
song. It's not long till the day of the  
stroy. It's not long till the day of the  
Lord! It'snot long till the day of the Lord, it'snot  
long till theday of the Lord! Ev-ery-thing that is broken will  
soon be re-stored. It's not long till the day of the Lord.

# The Power of the Cross

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day:  
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on your face,  
 3. Now the day - light flees. Now the ground be - neath  
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry,  
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin,  
 quakes as its mak - er bows his head.  
 for through your suf - f'ring, I am free.

tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then  
 ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry ev - il deed  
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
 Death is crushed to death. Life is mine to live,

nailed to a cross of wood. This, the pow'r of the  
 crown - ing your blood - stained brow. (refrain)  
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. (refrain)  
 won through your self - less love. This, the pow'r of the

cross: Christ be - came sin for us, took the blame, bore the  
 cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a

wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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## News and Announcements

Join us for Sunday evening worship tonight at 6 p.m.

Young people will meet at the Parks on **April 28**, at 4 p.m. for fellowship and worldview discussion.

Another 6-week practical study of the book, *A Way to Pray*, by Matthew Henry is being considered. It will be held in the Fairfield Glade/Good Sam's area starting in May. This book focuses on using the riches of Scripture as a basis for prayer. If you are interested or have any questions please contact April Marion (931-255-8969) or [april.m.marion@gmail.com](mailto:april.m.marion@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars for the Church Fellowship Luncheon after the Worship service on **May 19**.

### 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

Weeks 29-30 Repentance and Faith

Weeks 31-48 Growing in Grace

Week 33, April 14

Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?

They teach me what is pleasing to God, and how much I need a Savior.

Week 34, April 21

Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?

No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.

What do the Ten Commandments teach?

To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

## 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	3:00 p.m.

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 4/014/2024	\$	10,325
Giving YTD	\$	180,003
YTD Budget	\$	103,860

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$	2,915
2023 Rollover	\$	4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$	1,515.50

## Our Missionary Family

### International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia 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 Greg Wood  
Next Week Vince Grilley

## Greeters

Today Sherry Hewitt  
Next Week Sherry Nichols

## 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 Sara Hoover  
Sandy Reed  
Next Week April Marion  
Jenae Larsen

## Deacons

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