

# 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.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

What a wonder is it that two natures infinitely distant should be more intimately united than anything in the world, and yet without any confusion! That the same person should have both a glory and a grief; an infinite joy in the Deity, and an inexpressible sorrow in the humanity; that a God upon a throne should be an infant in a cradle; the thundering Creator be a weeping babe and a suffering man. These are such expressions of mighty power, as well as condescending love, that they astonish men upon earth and angels in heaven.

Stephen Charnock

## Call to Worship

1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

## \*Hymn of Praise

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.  
He the body broken for us, raised from death to make us one.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:  
With thy wanted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray:  
Be our comfort, light and Shepherd, be our life, our truth and way,  
And thy fullest benediction shed within these walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants as they ask of thee to gain,  
What they gain from thee forever and the blessed rest retain,  
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.  
Our salvation poured out on us once for all forevermore.

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.  
One in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run!  
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\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: he the perfect Son of Man,  
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,  
Bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord! He is alive!  
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## Profession of Faith

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father.  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven;  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
and ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have non end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Praise

O Praise the Father

O praise the Father, praise the Son, the Lamb for sinners given,  
And Holy Spirit, through whom alone our hearts are raised to Heaven.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sermon

Keep in Step with the Spirit  
Galatians 5:16-25

Pastor Andy Aikens

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth; cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

\*Benediction

*based on 1 Timothy 6:11-13*

May God, who gives life to everything,  
and our gracious Savior, who bought you with his precious blood,  
now empower you by his Holy Spirit to pursue righteousness,  
godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.  
May you fight the good fight of the faith so that  
his name is exalted and you may take hold of  
the eternal life to which you were called,  
for his glory alone. Amen.

# Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Tr. J.M. Neale 1861

Noah Aikens



1. Christ is made the sure founda - tion, Christ the head and  
2. To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of  
3. Here vouchsafe to all thy ser - vants as they ask of  
4. Praise and ho - nor to the Fa - ther, praise and ho - nor



cor - ner - stone; cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
Hosts, to - day; with thy want - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee for - e - ver  
to the Son, praise and ho - nor to the Spi - rit,



bind - ing all the Church in one, ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear thy ser - vants as they pray. Be our com - fort,  
and thy bless - ed rest re - tain, and here - af - ter  
e - ver three and e - ver one; One in might and



help for - e - ver, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
light and shep - herd, be our life, our truth and way,  
in Thy glo - ry e - ver - more with Thee to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



He the bod - y bro - ken for us,  
and thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion  
Our sal - va - tion poured out on us  
One in might and one in glo - ry



raised from death to make us one.  
shed with - in these walls al - ways.  
once for all for - ev - er - more.  
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Noah Aikens 2023



## Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry in the dawn-ing of the  
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: He the per-fect Son of  
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the  
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys-t'ry: slain by death, the God of



King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in  
Man, in His liv - ing, in His suff' - ring, ne - ver  
tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the  
life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In Our long - ing, in our  
trace nor stain of\_ sin. See the true and bet - ter  
Lamb in vic - to - ry! See the price of our re -  
Lord! He is a - live! What a\_ fore - taste of de -



dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to  
A - dam, come to\_ save the hell - bound man, Christ the  
demp-tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold, bring-ing  
-liv' - rance! How un - wav - er - ing our hope! Christ in



D.S. al Fine

Christ who con-de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
great and sure full - fill - ment of the law in Him we - stand.  
ma - ny sons to glo - ry: grace un - mea - sured, love un - told!  
po - wer re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

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## Holy Spirit (Living Breath of God)



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new  
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may your  
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul. Bring the presence of the  
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to co - ver  
life to all that God has made, show your po - wer once a -



ris - en Lord to re - new my heart and make me whole.  
e - v'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
gain on earth; cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me.  
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise;



Give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pas - sion for your  
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings in - to  
lead us on the road of sa - cri - fice, that in u - ni - ty, the



pu - ri - ty. Ho - ly Spi - rit, breathe new life in me.  
works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
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## News and Announcements

Printed copies of the January FPC Newsletter are on the table in the hallway.

An eight-week book study of *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World* by Melissa Kruger begins on Thursday, **January 16**, from 6 to 7 p.m. A signup sheet is available in the hallway.

### 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

Weeks 49-52 Heaven now and in the future

Week 17, December 22

What does every sin deserve?

**The wrath and curse of God.**

Week 18, December 29

How sinful are you by nature?

**I am corrupt in every part of my being.**

## 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. On Break Winter Months
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. On Break

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 12/22	\$ 15,245
Giving YTD	\$ 615,858
YTD Budget	\$ 353,125

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 9,689
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 12,016

## Our Missionary Family

### International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia Bulgaria  
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa  
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT  
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels

### Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell  
Plateau Pregnancy Services  
Good Samaritans, 10th Street  
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel  
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton

## Session

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

## Deacons

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

## Staff

Assistant Pastor	Dick Gillen TE
Music Director	Matt Bundy
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

## Security Team

Today	Kevin Wyson
Next Week	Bill Allbright

## Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols, Tom Buettner, Levi Powell,
Accompanists	Matt Bundy, Robert Berman, Scott Hewitt, Isabelle Aikens
Sanctuary Flowers	Sherry Hewitt

## Greeters

Today	David & Karen Phillips
Next Week	Holly Kisly

## Nursery

Today	Cathy Hutchens April Marion Nancy Tuuk Reba Norris Laura Powell
Next Week	Keely Ragle