

# 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

Almighty, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand your Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing to your majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

H. Zwingli

## Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

O give the Lord whole-hearted praise, to him thanksgiving I will bring;  
With all his people I will raise my voice and of his glory sing.  
His saints delight to search and trace his mighty works and wondrous ways;  
Majestic glory, boundless grace, and righteousness his work displays.

The wondrous works that God has wrought his people ever keep in mind;  
His works with grace and mercy fraught, revealing that the Lord is kind.  
God's promise shall forever stand, he cares for those who trust his Word;  
Upon his saints his mighty hand the wealth of nations has conferred.

His works are true and just indeed, his precepts are forever sure;  
In truth and righteousness decreed, they shall forevermore endure.  
From him his saints' redemption came; his cov'nant sure no change can know;  
Let all revere his holy name in Heav'n above and earth below.

In reverence and in godly fear man finds the gate to wisdom's ways;  
The wise his holy name revere; through endless ages sound his praise.

\*Prayer of Adoration

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour, strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Chapter 14.2  
*Of Saving Faith*

By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acts differently upon that which each particular passage thereof contains; **yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come.** But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for **justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.**

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

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

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.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.

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;  
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 pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Sermon

John 16:1-15  
Keep in Step with the Spirit Part 3

Pastor Andy Aikens

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visions, no op'ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.  
I see thy cross— there teach me to cling:  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The presence of thy descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

\*Benediction

*based on Galatians 6:7-9*

In Christ, through his Spirit, may you go out of this place  
knowing the certainty of his mercy and peace  
so that you do not grow weary in sowing what is good and doing good to all people.  
May the hope of eternal life encourage you as you do  
what is pleasing to the Lord through all your days.



# O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise

Psalm 111



1. O give the Lord whole-heart-ed praise. To Him, thanks

2. The won-drous works that God has wrought, his peo-ple

3. His works are true\_ and just\_ in - deed. His pre - cepts



-giv - ing I\_\_\_ will bring; with all His peo - ple

e - ver keep\_ in mind. His works with grace and

are\_ for - e - ver sure. In\_ truth and right - eous -



I\_\_\_ will raise my voice and of\_ His glo - ry sing.

mer - cy fraught, re - veal - ing that\_ the Lord is kind.

-ness de - creed, they shall for - e - ver - more en - dure.

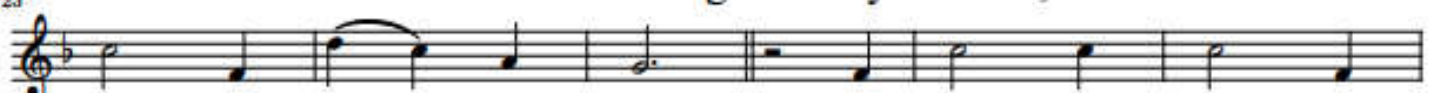


His saints de - light to search and trace His might - ty

God's pro - mise shall for - e - ver stand. He cares for

From him, his saints' re - demp - tion came. His cov - 'nant

4. In rev - 'rence and in god - ly\_ fear, man finds the



works and won - drous ways. Ma - jest - ic glo - ry,

those who trust\_ his word. Up - on his saints, his

sure, no change can know. Let all re - vere his

gate to wis - dom's ways. The wise, his ho - ly



bound-less grace, and right-eous-ness His work dis - plays.

might-ty hand the wealth of na - tions has con - ferred.

ho - ly name in heav'n a - bove and Earth be - low.

name re - vere. Through end - less a - ges sound His praise.

D.S. al Fine



# In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less  
3. Therein the ground his bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in



song. This cor - ner-stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and right-eous - ness, scorned by the  
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus  
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -  
mands my de - sti - ny. No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of



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-ry, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me; for I am  
man, can e - ver pluck me from his hand; till he re -



-er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.  
-turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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# Spirit of God

## Descend Upon My Heart

George Croly

Karl Digerness



1. Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart.  
2. I ask no dream; no pro-phet ec - sta - sies,  
3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
4. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth; through all its pul - ses move.  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, mighty as thou art;  
no an - gel vi - sion, no op'ning sky;  
to check the ris - ing doubt, the re - bel sigh,  
I see thy cross; there teach me to cling:  
the presence of thy de - scended Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
teach me the pa - tience of un - answered prayer.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

## News and Announcements

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study details will be coming soon via email and an announcement in the Bulletin. Stay tuned!

Take an opportunity to clean out your mailbox and start 2025 with a clean slate.

### 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 19, January 5

Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

**No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.**

Week 20, January 12

What is this change of heart called?

**The new birth, or regeneration.**

Who can change a sinner's heart?

**The Holy Spirit alone.**

## 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

2025 week 1/5	\$	4,635
Giving YTD	\$	4,635
YTD Budget	\$	9,491

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$	350
2024 Rollover	\$	2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$	0

## 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  
Richard Parks RE '28  
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

## Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25  
Vince Grilley '26  
John Reed '26  
Mike Tuuk '28

## Staff

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

## Security Team

Today	Christian Ragle
Next Week	Greg Wood

## 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	Sherry Nichols
Next Week	Eston & Reba Norris

## Nursery

Today	Lorelei Pacana Laura Powell Sandy Reed
Next Week	Isabelle Aikens Amber Pacana