

# 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

Psalm 121:1b-2

From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Preparation for Worship

Gracious Savior, because you are all that my hungry spirit needs, may this be my song today: I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be his than have riches untold. I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I'd rather be led by his nail-pierced hands. I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause. I'd rather be faithful to his dear cause. I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to his holy name – than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

lyrics by Rhea F. Miller

Call to Worship

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup> As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

\*Prayer of Adoration

My God, my portion and my love, my everlasting all,  
I've none but thee in heav'n above, or on this earthly ball.

What empty things are all the skies and this inferior clod!  
There's nothing here deserves my joys; there's nothing like my God.

In vain, the bright, the burning sun scatters his feeble light.  
'Tis thy sweet beams create my noon. If thou withdraw, 'tis night.

Let all that dwells above the sky and air and earth and seas  
Conspire to lift thy glories high and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation, join in one to bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.<sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”<sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.<sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.<sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

<sup>41</sup> So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”<sup>42</sup> They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.<sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.<sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—<sup>46</sup> not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.<sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.”

I hunger and I thirst; Jesus, my manna be:  
 Ye living waters burst out of the rock for me.  
 Thou bruised and broken bread, my life-long wants supply;  
 As living souls are fed, O feed me, or I die.

Thou true life-giving vine, let me thy sweetness prove;  
 Renew my life with thine, refresh my soul with love.  
 Rough paths my feet have trod since first their course began;  
 Feed me, thou bread of God; help me, thou Son of Man.

For still the desert lies my thirsting soul before;  
 O living waters rise within me evermore.  
 I hunger and I thirst; Jesus, my manna be:  
 Ye living waters burst out of the rock for me.

### Pastoral Prayer of Confession

#### Profession of Faith

#### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
 And the glory forever. Amen.**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### Ephesians 1:7, 13-14

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace... <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

Sermon

Rivers of Living Water  
John 7:37-39

Pastor Andy Aikens

### Serving of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ, to come forward to the table.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You may use the lyrics of the hymns as well as the Scriptures to guide your praying.

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember,  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that we may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, – and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.  
As we share in his suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll share in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

\*Benediction

*from Psalm 73:23-24, 26*

Because of the covenant love of our Lord,  
may you know you are held by God's right hand,  
guided by his counsel, and will be taken to glory.  
Your heart and flesh may fail,  
but God is your strength and portion forever.

# My God, My Portion, & My Love

Isaac Watts

Mack Wilberg



1. My God, my por - tion and my Love, my  
2. What em - py things are all the skies and  
3. In vain, the bright, the burn - ing sun scat -  
4. Let all that dwells a - bove the sky and  
5. The whole cre - a - tion, join in one to



e - ver - last - ing All, I've  
this in - fer - ior clod! There's  
ters His fee - ble light. 'Tis  
air and earth and seas con -  
bless the sa - cred name of



none but Thee in Heav'n a - bove, or  
no - thing here de - serves my joys; There's  
Thy sweet beams cre - ate my noon. If  
spire to lift Thy glo - ries high and  
Him that sits up - on the throne, and



on this earth - ly ball.  
no - thing like my God.  
Thou with - draw, 'tis night.  
speaks thine end - less praise.  
to a - dore the Lamb.



# I Hunger and I Thirst

1. I hun-ger and I thirst, Je - sus, my man - na  
2. Thou true life giv - ing vine, let me thy sweet-ness  
3. For still the de - sert lies my thirst - ing soul be -

5  
be; Ye liv - ing wa - ters, burst out  
prove; re - new my life with thine, re -  
8 fore; O liv - ing wat - ers, rise with -

of the rock for me. Thou bruised and bro - ken  
fresh my soul with love. Rough paths my feet have  
11 in me ev - er - more. I hun - ger and I

bread, my life - long wants sup - ply; as  
trod since first their course be - gan; feed  
14 thirst, Je - sus my man - na be; Ye

liv - ing souls are fed, O  
me, thou bread of God; help  
liv - ing wat - ers, burst out

16 [1.2.]  
feed me, or I die.  
me, thou Son of Man.

18 [3.]  
of the rock for me.

Lyrics: John S.B. Monsell, 1866  
Music: Nathan Johnson, 2017

# Behold the Lamb of God

## Communion Hymn



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for  
2. The bo - dy of our Sa - vior, Je - sus Christ, torn for  
3. The blood that clean - ses e - v'ry stain of sin, shed for  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -



us, and we re - mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who  
you. Eat, and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that  
you. Drink and re - mem - ber: He drains death's cup that we may  
spond and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this  
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this  
steps of Christ as his bo - dy here on earth. As we share in his



bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice as a  
suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.  
sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.  
sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.  
share in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

## News and Announcements

The Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, **February 15** at 8 a.m. A sign up sheet is in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall.

There will be a Fellowship Luncheon after the worship service on **February 23**. Sign up to bring soup, salad, or dessert on the sheets on the table in the hallway. There is also a sign up sheet for anyone willing to help set up before and clean up after our lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Beth McCrabb.

The Tuesday morning Spring Women's Bible Study of *Job: Trusting God When Suffering Comes* by Lydia Brownback is **March 18 - May 27**. Until then, read through Job on your own. A sign up sheet is in the hallway.

Women: Week 1 of the opportunity to listen to Paige Brown teach through the book of Ruth is still available on YouTube until Tuesday evening. Week 2 begins this Wednesday, **February 5** at 10 a.m. and should be available for an entire week. See Hope Aikens if you have been able to listen to week 1 or have any questions.

### 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 22, January 26

How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?

**Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.**

Week 23, February 2

What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

**A life of obedience, service and suffering.**

## 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 1/26	\$	12,625
Giving YTD	\$	50,485
YTD Budget	\$	37,962

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$	798
2024 Rollover	\$	2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$	750

## 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  
Reformed Church of Ghent, Belgium

## North America & Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell  
Plateau Pregnancy Services  
Good Samaritans, 10th Street  
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel  
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton  
Myers Park Initiative, Greg Salazar  
Occom Ministries, Native American Initiative

## Session

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

## Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25  
Vince Grilley '26  
John Reed '26  
Mike Tuuk '27

## Staff

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

## Security Team

Today	Bob Kalb
Next Week	Dan Dolan

## 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	Faith Ralph
Next Week	Cathy Hutchens

## Nursery

Today	Isabelle Aikens Lynn Miser
Next Week	Holly Kisly Keely Ragle