

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

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from Light eternal bringing light. O Light of light, light's living Spring, true Day, all days illumining. Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above, and pour the Holy Spirit's ray on all we think or do today. And now to you our prayers ascend, O Father, glorious without end; we plead with sov'reign grace for pow'r to conquer in temptation's hour. Confirm our will to do the right, and keep our hearts from envy's blight; let faith her eager fires renew, and hate the false, and love the true.

Ambrose of Milan, 340-397

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

² covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

³ He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;

⁴ he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.

⁸ The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them.

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;

¹¹ they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain!
Glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the king of angels, glory to the Church's king,
Glory to the king of nations! Heaven and earth, your praises bring;
Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the King of glory bring!

“Glory, blessing, praise eternal!” thus the choir of angels sings;
“Honor, riches, power, dominion!” thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

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God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." ²⁵ So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." ³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. **He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things;** and has most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleases. **In his sight all things are open and manifest,** his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent, or uncertain. **He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands.** To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, **whatsoever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them.**

Song of Confession

Trisagion

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

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

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life; who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Sermon

God's Purpose in Creation
1 Corinthians 10:31

Pastor Andy Aikens

All praise to him, the God of light who formed the mountains by his might.
All praise to him who names the stars that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love, who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the servant King,
Who left behind his glorious throne to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
Who lived to die, who died to rise, the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to him whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts,
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To you, the triune God, we raise with loving hearts our song of praise.

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*Benediction

from 2 Corinthians 4:6

And now, just as God has shone in your hearts to give you
the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,
may his Spirit empower you to let that light shine in this dark world
so his glory will be over all the earth.

Glory Be to God the Father

Horatius Bonar, 1868

Gergory D. Wilbur, 2011

1. Glo-ry_ be to God the Fa - ther; glo - ry_
2. Glo-ry_ be to Him who loved us, washed us_
3. Glo-ry_ to the King of an - gels; glo - ry_
4. "Glo-ry_ bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the_
4 be to God the Son; Glo - ry_ be to God the
from each spot and stain! Glo - ry_ be to Him who
to the church's King; Glo - ry_ to the King of
7 choir of an-gels sings; "Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do
7 Spi - rit, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in
bought us, made us kings with Him to
na - tions! Heav'n and Earth, your prai - ses
9 min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion
9 one! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
reign! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
bring! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
11 brings! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
11 glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry, to the King of glo - ry bring!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of Kings!

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on His
 2. Crown him the Lord of life; who tri-umphed o'er the
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of



throne; hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
 grave and rose vic - to - rious in the_ strife for
 side, rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in
 sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab -
 time; Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing_ spheres, in -



mus - ic but it's own: a - wake my soul and sing of
 those he came to save; His glo - ries now we sing, who
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no an - gel in the sky can
 sorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end; and
 ef - fa - bly sub - line: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for



Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy
 died and rose on high, who died e - ter - nal
 ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends his
 round his pier - ced feet fair flow'rs of pa - ra -
 thou has died for me: thy praise shall ne - ver,



match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 life to bring and lives that death may die.
 burn - ing eye at my - ste - ries so bright.
 - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.
 ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

All Praise to Him, the God of Light



1. All praise to Him, the God of light, who formed the
2. All praise to Him whose love is seen in Christ the
3. All praise to Him whose pow'r im-parts the love of



moun - tains by His might. All praise to Him Who names the
Son, the ser - vant King, who left be - hind His glo - rious
God with - in our hearts. The Spi - rit of all truth and



stars, that sing His fame in skies a - far. All praise to
throne to pay the ran - som for His own. All praise to
peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness To Fa - ther,



Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the gal - ax - ies a -
Him Who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and
Son, and Spir - it now our souls we lift our wills we



bove, yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry
shame, Who lived to die, Who died to
bow. To You, the Tri - une God, we



prayer, with sov'-reign pow'r and ten - der care.
rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

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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.

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 2 of Paige Brown's teaching on Ruth posted on YouTube on Wednesday, **February 5**. It will be available until Tuesday, **February 11**. She will teach the final session on Wednesday, **February 12**. See Hope Aikens if you have been able to listen 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 23, February 2

What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A life of obedience, service and suffering.

Week 24, February 9

What kind of death did Jesus die?

The painful and shameful death of the cross.

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. Begins March 18

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 1/26	\$	27,025
Giving YTD	\$	77,225
YTD Budget	\$	47,453

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$	1,625
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

Music Director	Matt Bundy
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

Security Team

Today	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Vince Grilley

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	Cathy Hutchens
Next Week	Judy & Richard Parks

Nursery

Today	Holly Kisly Keely Ragle
Next Week	Laura Powell Brianna Sears