

# 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

Where does our help come from?

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

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory, and the skies display the work of your hands. Your eternal power and divine essence can be clearly seen and understood through your creation. Grant that we may see this glory today and not be counted with those who say there is no God. May we, because of your gracious intervention, come to you believing that you are, that you save sinners, and that you bountifully reward those who diligently seek you.

Psalm 14:1, 19:1, Romans 1:20, Hebrews 11:6

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-12

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

<sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

<sup>7</sup> They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Prayer of Adoration

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.

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.

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never:  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

## Profession of Faith

## Westminster Confession of Faith

## Chapter 8.1

*Of Christ the Mediator*

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, **to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:** unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, **and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
 Look full in his wonderful face.  
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
 In the light of his glory and grace.

## Pastoral Prayer of Confession

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:5-11

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

## \*Song of Rejoicing

Turn Your Eyes

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Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embraced.  
 There the Son of God gave his life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.

Jesus, to you we lift our eyes! Jesus, our glory and our prize!  
 We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true!  
 Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the Lion awake.  
 What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we carry his life in our veins. (Chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens: our King will return for his own.  
 Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout, 'All glory to Jesus alone!' (Chorus)

\*Song of Preparation

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

p.10

We will feast in the house of Zion; we will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together; we will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; he is the Lord, our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom (Chorus)

### 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.

\*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.

**Sermon Notes:**

# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23



1. The King of love my Shep - herd  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no  
5. And so through all the length of



is, whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver; I  
flow, my ran - somed soul he lead - eth; and  
stray, but yet in love he sought me; and  
ill, with thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy  
days, thy good - ness fail - eth ne - ver; good



no - thing lack if I am his, and  
where the ver - dant pas - tures grow, with  
on his shoul - der gent - ly laid, and  
rod and staff my com - fort still, thy  
Shep - herd, may I sing thy praise with -



he is mine for - e - ver.  
food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
home re - joic - ing brought me.  
cross be - fore to guide me.  
- in thy house for - e - ver.

Words: Henry Williams Baker, 1868  
Music: Irish melody

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# Turn Your Eyes



1. Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in His  
2. Turn your eyes to the hill - side, where just - ice and  
3. Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the  
4. Turn your eyes to the hea - vens; our King will re -



won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow  
mer - cy em - braced, there the Son of God gave His  
li - on a - wake. What a glo - rious dawn; fear of  
turn for His own. E - v'ry knee will bow e - v'ry



strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.  
life for us, and our measure - less debt was e - raised.  
death is gone, for we car - ry his life in our veins.  
tongue will shout: "All glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"



Je - sus, to You we lift our eyes. Je - sus, our



glo - ry and our prize. we a - dore You, be - hold You, our



Sa - vior e - ver true. Oh Je - sus, we turn our eyes to You.

First verse by Helen H. Lemmel  
Additional works and music by George Romanacce,  
Nathan Stiff, Nic Trout, and Kevin Winebarger.  
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# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Will Feast in the House of Zion'. It consists of ten staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are as follows:

We will feast in the house of Zi - on,  
we will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has  
done great things, we will say to - ge - ther,  
we will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire He  
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my  
3. Ev' - ry vow, we've bro - ken and be - trayed. You

is the Lord, Our God We are not con  
soul be not a - fraid. For the promised  
are the Faith - ful one. And from the

sumed by the flood up -  
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh  
gar - den to the grave, bind

held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

By Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore  
Drink Your Tea Music/joshuamooreownthismusic

## News and Announcements

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.

Are you able to prepare coffee, tea, water, and simple snacks? There is a sign-up sheet if you would like to serve by preparing and/or cleaning up the Sunday morning refreshments.

Parents and youth, registration for summer camp at Ridge Haven in Brevard, North Carolina is happening now. Options are available for rising 6th graders through 12th grade. Check out [www.ridgehaven.org](http://www.ridgehaven.org) for more information. We will confirm the number of participants by **March 14**. The maximum cost per youth will be \$200 and \$350 if a family has more than 1 young person attending.

Mark your calendars for a joint evening service on Sunday, **March 30**. A sign up sheet for appetizers and cookies is in the hallway. See Beth McCrabb for more information.

### 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 26, February 23

What is meant by the atonement?

**Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.**

Week 27, March 2

What does God the Father guarantee in the covenant of grace?

**To justify and sanctify all those for whom Christ died.**

## 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 2/23	\$ 8,695
Giving YTD	\$ 145,930
YTD Budget	\$ 75,925

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 1,775
2024 Rollover	\$ 2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$ 1,942

## 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	Orville Ennis
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

## 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	Christian R. & Brianna S.
Next Week	Edge & Amber Pacana

## Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Cathy Hutchens
Next Week	Reba Norris Sandy Reed