

# First Presbyterian Church

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*The Empty Tomb* by Le Voss

## 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

Jude 1-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Preparation for Worship

Oh God, we thank You that You made us for Yourself. We praise You that our days have purpose and meaning because we were created to enjoy You, displaying Your glory in the theater of Your world. What is this glory You have called us to magnify? It is the shining forth of Your light, for You are light and in You there is no darkness at all. This glory is the light of Your appearance as the One robed in light, radiating forth in grace and truth. We cry with the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts." All Your attributes tell us who You are, and we are grateful for such knowledge. For in such knowledge is salvation through Jesus Christ. "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." In Creation and Redemption, Your great acts of history, You fashioned us by Your word and then You refashioned us by Your Son. And so, with adoration we speak back to You today our enjoyment of Your glory and fulfill our purpose in the world. Amen.

A prayer based on WLC 1

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.  
<sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Prayer of Adoration

Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You.  
All on earth Your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore You.  
Infinite, Your vast domain; everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train join Your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name You,  
While in essence only one; undivided God, we claim You,  
And, adoring, bend the knee while we own this mystery.

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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<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the LORD GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the LORD GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

<sup>33</sup> “Thus says the LORD GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup> And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup> And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ <sup>36</sup> Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

<sup>37</sup> “Thus says the LORD GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. <sup>38</sup> Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”

Q. 30. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

**The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.**

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

**Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.**

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

Ephesians 1:13-14

<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  
**Thanks be to God!**

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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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:1-10  
A Future Hope and A Foretaste of the Spirit

Pastor Andy Aikens

\*Song of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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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)

## Preparation for 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 join us.

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.

We come forward to receive communion in an act of coming to Christ. The bread and wine, as sacraments of His body and blood, are together on the tables.

### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.

### \*Benediction

based on Psalm 84:5 and 7

May you be blessed whose strength is in the Lord  
You who have set your hearts in pilgrimage,  
Who go from strength to strength,  
'Til you appear before God in the heavenly Zion.



# Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Tr. J.M. Neale 1861

Noah Aikens

1.Christ is made the sure found-a - tion,  
2.To this tem - ple, where we call Thee,  
3.Here vouch - safe to all Thy ser - vants  
4.Praise and ho - nor to the Fa - ther,

Christ the head and cor - ner - stone; cho - sen of the  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day; with Thy want - ed  
as they ask of Thee to gain; what they gain from  
praise and ho - nor to the Son, Praise and ho - nor

Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one,  
lov - ing kind - ness hear Thy ser - vants as they pray.  
Thee for - ev - er and Thy bless - ed rest re - tain,  
to the Spi - rit, e - ver three and e - ver one;

ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and her con - fi -  
Be our com - fort, light and shep - herd, be our life, our  
and here - af - ter in Thy glo - ry ev - er - more with  
One in might and One in glo - ry while un - end - ing -

dence a - lone. He the bod - y bro - ken for us,  
truth and way, and Thy full - est be - ne - dic - tion  
Thee to reign. Our sal - va - tion poured out on us  
a - ges run! 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!

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## All Praise to Him, the God of Light

1. All praise to Him, the God of  
2. All praise to Him whose love is  
3. All praise to Him whose pow'r im -

light, who formed the moun-tain by His might. All praise to  
seen in Christ the Son, the ser-vant King, who left be  
parts the love of God with-in our hearts. The Spi-rit

Him Who names the stars, that sing His fame in skies a -  
hind His glo - rious throne to pay the ran-som for His  
of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li -

far. All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the  
own. All praise to Him Who hum-bly came to bear our  
ness To Fa-ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we

gal - ax - ies a - bove, yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry  
sor - row, sin, and shame, Who lived to die, Who died to  
lift our wills we 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.

D.S. al Fine

Works by Horatius Bonar; music and additional words by Matt Merker and Bob Kauflin ©2017 Sovereign Grace Praise

# 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 with repeat dots at the end. The lyrics are: '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 prom - ised are the faith - ful one. And from the sumed by the flood up - mor - ing, oh, how long? Oh gar - en 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

Sunday evening worship resumes tonight at 6 p.m.

There will be a presentation on the plans for the expansion of the church buildings on Sunday, **April 14**, during the 9:30 Sunday School time. This presentation will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

On **April 21**, we will have the opportunity to participate in a Zoom meeting with Brian and Becky Schraeder, missionaries in Africa. This Zoom meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Young people will meet with Richard and Judy Parks at their home on **April 14** at 4 p.m. for fellowship and worldview discussion.

Another 6-week practical study of the book, *A Way to Pray*, by Matthew Henry is being considered. It will be held in the Fairfield Glade/Good Sam's area starting in May. This book focuses on using the riches of Scripture as a basis for prayer. If you are interested or have any questions please contact April Marion (931-255-8969) or [april.m.marion@gmail.com](mailto:april.m.marion@gmail.com).

### 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

Week 31, March 31

How does God sanctify you?

God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.

Week 32, April 7

Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

In the Bible 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.
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. and 3:00 p.m.

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 3/31/2024	\$ 3,675
Giving YTD	\$ 157,931
YTD Budget	\$ 90,012

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 2,525
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 1,515.50

## Our Missionary Family

### International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sophia Bulgaria  
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa  
Gary & Lois Watanabe, MTW Japan  
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT  
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels

### Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell  
Church Plant in Dunlap  
Plateau Pregnancy Services  
Good Samaritans  
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel

## Session

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

## Security Team

Today	Kevin Wyson
Next Week	Bill Allbright Marty VanBoerum

## Greeters

Today	John & Sandy Reed
Next Week	Sherry Nichols

## Staff

Assistant Pastor	Dick Gillen TE
Music Director	Matt Bundy
Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Financial Admin	Holly Kisly
Admin Assistant	Beth McCrabb
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols
Accompanists	Matt Bundy, Scott Hewitt Robert Berman, Hope Aikens

## Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Cathy Hutchens
Next Week	Reba Norris Nancy Tuuk

## Deacons

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