

# 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

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

We praise and thank you, O God, for the two books of revelation, the book of creation and the book of Scripture. In the creation you have revealed yourself to us - in us and around us. Yet the Bible, the Word of the Spirit, is the only sufficient and powerful communication from heaven that leads us to salvation. This singular rule of faith and obedience given to us in the Scriptures is majestic and pure. All of its parts harmonize together in a beautiful portrait of the Triune God and his ways. The scope of this one book from beginning to end resounds to your glory, especially in convincing and converting sinners and comforting the people of God. We pray today, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be persuaded by the very word of God what we are to believe and how we are to live, for the glory of Christ. Amen.

A prayer from WLC 2-5

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:31-36

- <sup>31</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
and let them say among the nations, **“The LORD reigns!”**
- <sup>32</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!
- <sup>33</sup> Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>34</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>35</sup> Say also:

**“Save us, O God of our salvation,  
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.**

<sup>36</sup> **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!”**

Then all the people said, **“Amen!”** and praised the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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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!"

\*Hymn of Praise

Sing Ye Saints

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Sing, ye saints, admire and wonder, Jesus' matchless love adore;  
Sing for Sinai's awful thunder shall upon you burst no more.  
Sing, in spite of Satan's lying; Sing, though sins are black and large;  
Sing, for Jesus, by his dying, Set you free from every charge.  
Set you free from every charge.

Sing, though sense and worldly reason tries to stop the joyful song;  
Sing and count it highest treason for a saint to hold his tongue.  
Sing ye loud, whose holy calling your election plainly shows;  
Sing, nor fear a final falling, Jesus' love no changes knows.  
Jesus' love no changes knows.

Sing, ye saints, admire and wonder, Jesus' matchless love adore;  
Sing for Sinai's awful thunder shall upon you burst no more.  
Sing, for you shall heav'n inherit, Sing, and ne'er the song have done;  
Sing to Father, Son, and Spirit, One in Three and Three in One.  
One in Three and Three in One

<sup>21</sup> “And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. <sup>22</sup> The house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their GOD, from that day forward. <sup>23</sup> And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. <sup>24</sup> I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore thus says the LORD GOD: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. <sup>26</sup> They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, <sup>27</sup> when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. <sup>28</sup> Then they shall know that I am the LORD their GOD, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. <sup>29</sup> And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the LORD GOD.”

Q. 53. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

**A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
 Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!  
 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!  
Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Song of Rejoicing

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain,  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside,  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:11–21  
A Ministry of Reconciliation

Pastor Andy Aikens

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

\*Benediction

Based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Because you are a new creation in Christ,  
reconciled to God and righteous in His eyes,  
may you experience the empowering grace of our great God  
to live as His ambassadors in this world proclaiming the message of reconciliation,  
so that many will come to Him to be robed in the Righteousness of Christ.

# Sermon Notes

# Sing Ye Saints

John Ryland

Gregory Wilbur

1. Sing, ye saints, ad - mire and won - der, Je - sus'  
2. Sing, though sense and world - ly rea - son Tries to  
3. Sing, ye saints, ad - mire and won - der, Je - sus'

4  
match - less love a - dore; Sing for Si - nai's aw - ful  
stop the joy - ful song; Sing and count it high - est  
match - less love a - dore; Sing for Si - nai's aw - ful

7  
thun - der shall up - on you burst no more. Sing, in  
trea - son For a saint to hold his tongue. Sing ye  
thun - der shall up - on you burst no more. Sing, for

10  
spite of Sa - tan's ly - ing; Sing, though  
loud, whose ho - ly call - ing Your e -  
you shall heav'n in - her - it, Sing, and

12  
sins are black and large; Sing, for Je - sus, by his  
lec - tion plain - ly shows; Sing, nor fear a fi - nal  
ne'er the song have done; Sing to Fa - ther, Son, and

15  
dy - ing, Set you free from eve - ry charge. Set you  
fall - ing, Je - sus' love no chang - es knows. Je - sus'  
Spir - it, One in Three and Three in One. One in

18  
free from eve - ry charge.  
love no chang - es knows.  
Three and Three in One.

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# My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my  
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be-  
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a -



pain, who\_ plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and  
 side, who\_ floods my weak - ness - es with strength and  
 bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain. Who\_ crushed my curse of  
 caus - es fears to fly. Whose ev - ery prom - ise  
 ev - ery thought is love. For\_ ev - ery day I



sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his light, and wrote his law of  
 is e - nough for ev - ery step I take, sus - tain - ing me with  
 have on Earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with power up - on my heart.  
 arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
 life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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## News and Announcements

Young people will meet at the Parks today at 4 p.m. for fellowship and worldview discussion.

Join us for Sunday evening worship tonight at 6 p.m.

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.

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 32, April 7

Where do you learn how to love and obey God?  
In the Bible alone.

Week 33, April 14

Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?  
They teach me what is pleasing to God, and how much I need a Savior.

## 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 4/07/2024	\$ 11,746
Giving YTD	\$ 169,678
YTD Budget	\$ 96,936

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 2,815
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	Bill Allbright Marty VanBoerum
Next Week	Greg Wood

## Greeters

Today	Sherry Nichols
Next Week	Sherry Hewitt

## 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	Reba Norris Nancy Tuuk
Next Week	Sara Hoover Sandy Reed

## Deacons

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