

# 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 sing with the Psalmist, “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory.” When this is the song of our life, we sing in harmony with the purposes of God. In the work of creation, You made all things out of nothing, by the word of Your power, in the space of six days, and all very good. We celebrate this glorious creating activity, especially the creation of human beings in Your image, male and female, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion. We celebrate Your most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all Your creatures, and all their actions. History unfolds at the direction of Your hand, according to Your purpose, a purpose in concert with the counsel of Your will. Teach us to trust. Teach us to rest. Teach us to sing through all the seasons, “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory.”

A Prayer based on WSC 7-11

Call to Worship

Psalm 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup> who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

Hallelujah, Raise, O Raise (Psalm 113)

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Hallelujah! Raise, O raise to our God the song of praise.  
All His servants, join to sing God our Savior and our King.  
Blessed be forevermore that great name which we adore.  
Round the world, His praise be sung through all lands in ev'ry tongue.

O'er all nations, God alone, higher than the heav'ns His throne.  
Who is like to God Most High, infinite in majesty?  
Yet to view the heavn's He bends. Yea, to Earth he condescends,  
Passing by the rich and great, for the low and desolate.

He can raise the poor to stand with the princes of the land,  
Wealth upon the needy show'r, set him with the high in pow'r.  
He the broken spirit cheers, turns to joy the mourner's tears.  
Such the wonders of His ways. Praise His name, forever praise!

\*Hymn of Praise

Praise Him! Praise Him!

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Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him! Hail him! highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,  
In his arms he carries them all day long:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;  
Praise him! Praise him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins he suffered and bled and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail him! Hail him! Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong: (Chorus)

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown him! Crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong: (Chorus)

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Profession of Faith

## Heidelberg Catechism

Q. How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

**A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.**

## Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. (Chorus)

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!) and bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! (Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (Chorus)

\*Song of Response

O How Good It Is

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Oh, how good it is when the family of God  
Dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruits of his presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out his word  
Til the whole Earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
For he dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn,  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging. (Chorus)

Oh, how good it is to embrace his command  
To prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Chorus)

\*Benediction

from 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

May the Lord grant us hearts that are wide open for the sake of the gospel.  
Protect us from having hearts that are restricted in their affections.  
May the Lord set our hearts free to live widely  
in the love and grace of God in Christ. Amen.

# Sermon Notes

## Psalms 113



1. Hal - le - lu - jah! Raise, O\_ raise to our God the  
2. O'er all na - tions, God\_ a - lone, high - er than the  
3. He can raise the poor\_ to\_ stand with the princes



song of praise. All His ser - vants, join\_ to\_ sing  
heav'n's His throne. Who is like to God\_ Most High  
of the land, wealth up - on the need - y\_ show'r,



God our Sav - ior and our King. Bless - ed be for -  
in - fin - ite in maj - es - ty? Yet to view the  
set him with the high in pow'r. He the bro - ken



ev - er more that great name which we a - dore.  
heav'n's He bends, Yea, to Earth he con - de - scends,  
spi - rit cheers, turns to joy the mourner's tears.



Round the world, His praise be\_ sung  
pass - ing by the rich\_ and\_ great,  
Such the won - ders of\_ His\_ ways.



through all lands in ev' - ry tongue.  
for the low and de - so - late.  
Praise His name; for - e - ver praise!

# Oh How Good It Is

1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - ily of God dwells to -  
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -  
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand to pre -

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geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty, where the bonds of  
joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn, for the weak find  
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as He for - gives. When we live as

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peace, of ac - cep - tance and love are the fruits of his pres - ence here a -  
strength, the af - flic - ted find grace when we of - fer the bless - ing of be -  
one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Fa - ther and the

15  
mong us. So with one voice, we'll sing to the Lord. And  
long - ing.  
Spir - it.

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with one heart, we'll live out His word, 'til the whole Earth sees the Re -

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deem - er has come, for He dwells in the pres - ence of His peo - ple.

Chords: C, C/E, F, Am, G, C, F, C/E, F, C, F, G, C, C/E, F, G

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## News and Announcements

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

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

Join us for a Church Fellowship Luncheon after the Worship service on **May 19**. Signup sheets are on the table in the Hallway.

A women's visitation team has been formed. The women visiting will be hopeful to listen to, love well, and pray with a sister in Christ who is in a challenging season of life. This is a ministry of encouragement (coming alongside the session as well as the community of believers). More women are welcome to join this group! Please contact Donna Kalb if you are interested in other details.

### 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 34, April 21

Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?

No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.

What do the Ten Commandments teach?

To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

Week 35, April 28

What is the first commandment?

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”

## 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	3:00 p.m.

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 4/021/2024	\$	4,905
Giving YTD	\$	184,908
YTD Budget	\$	110,784

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$	3,065
2023 Rollover	\$	4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$	1,515.50

## Our Missionary Family

### International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia 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 Vince Grilley  
Next Week Cecil Smith

## Greeters

Today Sherry Nichols  
Next Week Greg & Lory Wood

## 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 April Marion  
Jenae Larsen  
Next Week Holly Kisley  
Hope Aikens

## Deacons

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