

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 1b-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

Just as Christ in His conception assumed the human nature, never again to lay it aside, so the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost chose the Church as His dwelling place and temple, never again to be separated from it.

Herman Bavinck

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (Psalm 145)

Nettleton

God, my king, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;
Day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.
Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell,
Speak of thy great acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell.
Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought:
Works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.
All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee, thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

*Old Testament Reading

Psalm 110

¹The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

²The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments.

⁴The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgement among the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. (Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. (Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. (Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. (Chorus)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 16

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
 my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
 or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
 in your presence there is fullness of joy;
 at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Q.49. Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven?
First, that he is our advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven; secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the head, will also take up to himself, us, his members; thirdly, that he sends us his Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we "seek the things which are above, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God, and not things on earth."

Q.51. What profit is this glory of Christ, our head, unto us?
First, that by his Holy Spirit he pours our heavenly graces upon us his members; and then that by his power he defends and preserves us against all enemies.

Song of Confession

Spirit of God (Descend Upon My Heart)

p. 9

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
 Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
 Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
 And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
 Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
 To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
 Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?
 All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.
 I see thy cross— there teach my heart to cling:
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
 One holy passion filling all my frame:
 The presence of thy descended Dove,
 My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

1 Peter 1:18-21

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

Thanks be to God!

*Song of Rejoicing

Like a River Glorious

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Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day, perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.
(Chorus)

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully all for us to do; they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.
(Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Repentance and Restoration

Pastor Andy Aikens

Oh, how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit 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

Numbers 6:22-26

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
Thus you shall bless the people of Israel:
you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Sermon Notes

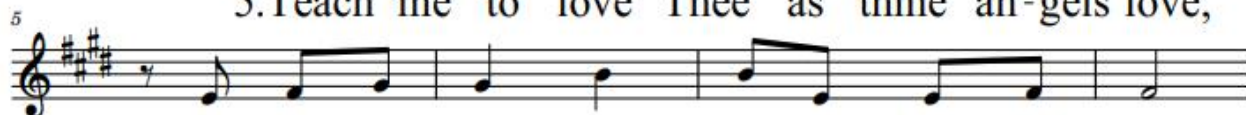
Spirit of God (Descend Upon My Heart)

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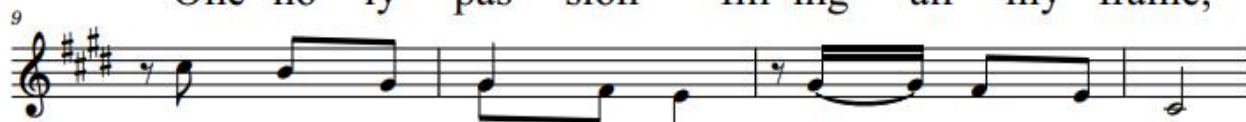
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1. Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart.
2. I ask no dream; no pro - phet ec - sta - sies,
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - way nigh;
4. Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
5. Teach me to love Thee as thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth; through all its pul - ses move.
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art;
no an - gel vi - sion, no op 'ning sky;
to check the ris - ing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
I see thy cross; there teach me to cling:
the pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

Oh How Good It Is

1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly 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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bonds of peace of ac - cep - tance and love are the
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live as one we all share in the love of the

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fruit of His pre - sence here a - mong us. So
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Son with the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit.

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with one voice we'll sing to the Lord and

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with one heart we'll live out His word till the

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whole earth sees The Re - dee - mer has come for He

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dwells in the pre - sence of His peo - ple.

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News and Announcements

Join us for our Sunday Evening Service tonight at 6 p.m.

HELP NEEDED: We need help with modifications to our Christian Education center (CEC) with moving furniture and other items out of the building to the barn and doing some demolition. This is the 1st phase of our church's expansion plan. We would like to move out the week of **May 27** and begin the demo work the week of **June 3**. If you are willing to help, please speak to Dave Miser or email him at poppydave@gmail.com.

Men's Thursday morning Bible Study will resume **June 20**.

Please pick up baby bottles for the Plateau Pregnancy Services fundraiser today. Please take your baby bottles home and fill them with your change and dollars (checks should be made out to Plateau Pregnancy Services). Please return by Father's Day, **June 16**. Baby bottles can change lives!

There will be 3 opportunities for women to read and discuss a book together this summer. Please look at the books in the hallway and sign up if you'd like to participate in a small group in someone's home. The selections for reading are *Laughing At the Days to Come*, *Seven Myths about Singleness*, and *You're Welcome Here, Embracing the Heart of Hospitality*.

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 38, May 19

What is the fourth commandment?

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Week 39, May 26

What is the fifth commandment?

“Honor your father and your mother.”

Schedule

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| 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 | On Break |

Giving

General Fund

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| 2024 week 5/19/2024 | \$ 12,761 |
| Giving YTD | \$ 215,152 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 138,480 |

Deacon's Fund

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| 2024 YTD Giving | \$ 3768 |
| 2023 Rollover | \$ 4,841 |
| 2024 Disbursements | \$ 2293.39 |

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

Deacons

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

Staff

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| Assistant Pastor | Dick Gillen TE |
| Music Director | Matt Bundy |
| Financial Admin | Holly Kisly |
| Admin Assistant | Beth McCrabb |

Security Team

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| Today | Aubrey Lewis |
| Next Week | Dan Dolan |

Ministry Support

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| Treasurer | Bill Allbright |
| Newsletter | Darlene Gendjar |
| Technology Specialists | Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols |
| Accompanists | Matt Bundy, Scott Hewitt |
| Sanctuary Flowers | Robert Berman, Hope Aikens Sherry Hewitt |

Greeters

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| Today | Reba Norris |
| Next Week | Jim & Carol Sparks |

Nursery

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| Today | Reba Norris Hope Aikens |
| Next Week | Holly Kisly Jenae Larson |