

# 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

### Preparation for Worship

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father,

Knit my heart to Yours through the hearing and reading of Your Word, that where You love most, there I may love also. Grant Your grace to watch and pray that I enter not into temptation. Draw my mind upward, move me by Your Spirit to be rapt and ravished with the sight and feeling of heavenly things this day. Let me not be carried away with the vain pleasures and fond delights of this world. Good Father, work the good work of the gospel in me, never leave me nor forsake me, til You have brought me safely home, that place of true happiness. Amen.

-from *Every Day Prayer with the Puritans*

### Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a

- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

### Prayer of Adoration

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander-Lord, I feel it-prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last.

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Chorus)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

2. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 7:23-25

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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

\*Song of Response

O praise the Father, praise the Son, The Lamb for sinners given,  
And Holy Spirit, through whom alone our hearts are raised to Heaven.

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious redeemer, my savior art thou  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 10:1-6  
Taking Every Thought Captive

Pastor Andy Aikens

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.

Our sov'reign God by His own word sustains this world and reigns as Lord.  
No angel, demon, sinful man can change His course, restrain His hand.  
O Sov'reign God, we praise Your pow'r; Your wisdom, goodness we adore!  
We bow our hearts before Your throne; help us, O Lord, to trust You more.  
Help us, O Lord, to trust You more.

When the fullness of the time had come, God sent His own beloved Son.  
To keep God's Law, live in our place, to bear our sin, guilt and disgrace.  
Dead in our sin, estranged from God, we fled as rebels from his Love.  
In sov'reign grace He made us sons and saved us from the wrath to come.  
And saved us from the wrath to come.

Before our birth, He planned our days, laid out our course, ordained our ways.  
The moments of our lives He weaves so all the glory he receives.  
To those He loved before all time, to all He called, in grace renewed,  
He cannot lie; His word is true, He makes all things to work for good.  
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He has written history's final page. His Son's return will end this age.  
The Lamb will come in glorious might, take back His world and end its night.  
How deep the wisdom of our God, unknown, unfathomed are His ways.  
None counsels Him or knows His mind. We bow before Him all our days.  
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O Sov'reign God, we praise Your pow'r; Your wisdom, goodness we adore!  
We bow our hearts before Your throne; help us, O Lord, to trust You more.  
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\*Benediction

By the grace of the Lord, go to the nations, go to your family, friends, and co-workers,  
go to the lonely and weary, go into the hospital, go into the homes  
and let the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

Preach the Gospel, to everyone, everywhere. Use words. And know with great joy,  
on that day, the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

# **Sermon Notes**

## **Introduction**

## **Exposition**

## **Doctrine**

## **Application**

Theology (God)

Anthropology (Man)

Ethics (Right and Wrong; Conduct)

Metaphysics (Ultimate Reality)

Epistemology (Knowledge)

## **Conclusion**





# Our Sovereign God



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3. Be - fore our birth, He planned our days, laid out our  
4. He has writ-ten his - to - ry's fi - nal page, His Son's re -



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## News and Announcements

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

One Sunday Bible study class will be offered through the summer for everyone at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bible study for children and youth will resume in August. The younger children (ages 2-5) will be cared for during the Bible study hour in the nursery area.

Come meet our new Mission to the World (MTW) family, Julian and Rachel Bacon, on Wednesday, **July 31**. Julian and Rachel will give a presentation on their new church in Brussels, Belgium in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served after the presentation. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway and available through Sunday, **July 21**.

### 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 44, June 30

What is the tenth commandment?

**“You shall not covet.”**

Week 45, July 7

What is prayer?

**Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all his blessings, and asking him for the things he has promised in the Bible.**

## 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	On Break

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 6/9/2024	\$ 15,355
Giving YTD	\$ 260,906
YTD Budget	\$ 180,025

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 4,568
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 2,386

## 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

### Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell  
MNA Disaster Relief (TAG)  
Plateau Pregnancy Services  
Good Samaritans  
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel

## Session

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

## Deacons

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

## Staff

Assistant Pastor	Dick Gillen TE
Music Director	Matt Bundy
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

## Security Team

Today	Orville Ennis
Next Week	Bill Allbright

## Greeters

Today	Bill & Fran Allbright
Next Week	Sherry Nichols

## Ministry Support

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

## Nursery

Today	Holly Kisly Amber Pacana
Next Week	April Marion Lorelei Pacana