

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 great God, may I observe again this day your goodness and faithfulness. You have saved from the penalty of sin, disarmed the sting of death, and trampled low the victory once claimed by the grave. Through Jesus, you hold my hope of life and resurrection. Help me offer worship due your great name!

From *Every Moment Holy*, Vol. 2

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4a, 9-11, 14

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

*Prayer of Adoration

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell. (Chorus)

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song. (Chorus)

²³ “When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. ²⁴ And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. ²⁵ He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. ²⁶ And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’ ²⁷ But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’ ²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ ²⁹ At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

³⁰ “Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord: ³² ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.’ And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. ³³ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. ³⁴ I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.’

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Moreover, it is the promise of the gospel that whoever believes in Christ crucified shall not perish but have eternal life. This promise, together with the command to repent and believe, ought to be announced and declared without differentiation or discrimination to all nations and people, to whom God in his good pleasure sends the gospel.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:5-11

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 11:1-15
Suffering for the Sake of the Gospel

Pastor Andy Aikens

Whate'er my God ordains is right; His holy will abideth.
I will be still, whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God. Though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so, to Him, I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right; He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path. I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent. His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently, I wait His day. His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking.
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true. Each morn anew, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart. Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right; here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there. He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so, to Him, I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

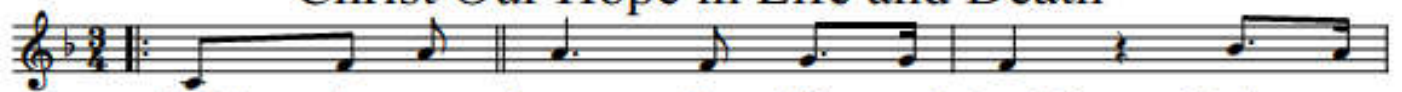
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And so, to Him, I leave it all. He holds me that I shall not fall.

*Benediction

Now because of the great love with which God loved us,
that makes us alive together with Christ,
may you walk in grace and do the good works
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sermon Notes:

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
2. What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He



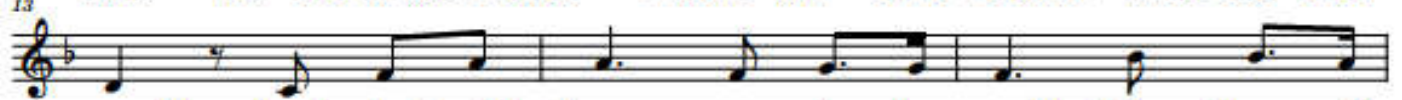
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Christ, in which we stand. O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our
shore, the rock of Christ?
ours for - ev - er more.



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and



e - ver we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

1. What-e'er my God or-dains is right; His ho - ly
2. What-e'er my God or-dains is right; He ne - ver
3. What-e'er my God or-dains is right, though now this
4. What-e'er my God or-dains is right; here shall my

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will de-cieve me. He leads me by the pro - per
cup I'm drink - ing. May bit - ter seem to my faint
stand be tak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be

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path; I know He will not leave me. I take, con-
heart; I take it all un-shrink - ing. My God is
mine, yet I am not for-sak - en. My Fa - ther's

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true. each morn a - new, sweet com - fort
care is 'round me there; He holds me

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News and Announcements

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

Young people, ages 12-18, are invited to join one another at the home of Richard and Judy Parks for a time of recreation, food, and Bible study. Dates for August are Sunday, **August 11** and Sunday, **August 18**. The new meeting time will be 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

The Session would like to let married couples, that are part of FPC, know about an opportunity for marriage enrichment. The *Weekend to Remember* conference will be at the Chattanooga Convention Center from 9/13-15/2024. The church is offering a registration scholarship, valued at \$300, for up to 4 couples. To register, please contact the office prior to **August 13**.

Please join us for the Til and Elaine Helvenston Memorial Service on Friday, **August 16**, at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch. Til was a Ruling Elder who served faithfully for many years with us and more recently retired as Ruling Elder Emeritus here at FPC. It was in May of last year that they returned to Michigan to be closer to family. Til was 93 and Elaine was 91 years old when they went to be with the Lord. They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past May. We miss our dear brother and sister in Christ, but rejoice in the Lord's assurance for them. (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

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

Weeks 49-52 Heaven now and in the future

Week 47 July 21

How many sacraments are there?

Two.

What are they?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Week 48, July 28

Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?

To distinguish his people from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.

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	\$ 61,325
Giving YTD	\$ 335,801
YTD Budget	\$ 200,797

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 5,143
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 2,186

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
Plateau Pregnancy Services
Good Samaritans, 10th Street
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	Christian Ragle
Next Week	Cecil Smith

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols, Tom Buettner, Levi Powell, Val Wyson
Accompanists	Matt Bundy, Robert Berman, Scott Hewitt, Isabelle Aikens
Sanctuary Flowers	Sherry Hewitt

Greeters

Today	Reba Norris
Next Week	David & Karen Phillips

Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Pam Lauver
Next Week	Jenae Larson Pam Lauver