

# 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

You, Lord, have become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all! In you does my soul rejoice. The darkness vanished from before my eyes, and I beheld you, the sun of righteousness. When I loved darkness, I knew you not, but wandered on from night to night. But you led me out of that blindness; you took me by the hand and called me to yourself, and now I can thank you, and your mighty voice which has penetrated to my inmost heart. Amen.

Augustine

## Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD, :  
“O LORD, , I pray, deliver my soul!”
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD, preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD, has dealt bountifully with you.
- <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;
- <sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD,  
in the land of the living.

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns, adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed:  
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail:  
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne:  
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

\*Prayer of Adoration

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

<sup>4</sup> Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. <sup>6</sup> And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> So there was much joy in that city.

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Q. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?

**The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.**

Q. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

**That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

### Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10:9-13

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

\*Song of Rejoicing

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul,  
My God, like You there is no other. True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom. Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom. My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart,  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield against his hateful darts.  
My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise.  
My joy when trials are abounding, your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life,  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders. In my place, You suffered, bled, and died.  
You rose; the grave and death are conquered! You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to Your Name.  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Pastor Andy Aikens

\*Song of Preparation

Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

p.10

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down.  
By the broken law convicted, through the cross, behold the crown.  
Look to Jesus. Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it. Love will make obedience sweet.  
Christ will give you strength to bear it, while His wisdom guides your feet,  
Safe to glory, where His ransomed captives meet.

## Serving of the 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.

\*Song of Response

Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

p.10

Blessed are the eyes that see Him; blest the ears that hear His voice.  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him, and in Him alone rejoice;  
His commandments then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, light to newly opened eyes,  
Or full springs in deserts dreary is the rest the cross supplies;  
All who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

\*Benediction

Because of the covenant love of our Lord,  
may you know you are held by God's right hand,  
guided by his counsel, and will be taken to glory.  
Your heart and flesh may fail, but God is your strength and portion forever.



# Praise the Lord! Ye Heaven's Adore Him



1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'n's a - dore Him; praise Him, an - gels  
2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; ne - ver shall His  
3. Wor - ship, ho - nor, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer



in the height; Sun and moon re - jice be fore Him:  
pro - mise fail; God hath made His saints vic - to - rious;  
un - to Thee; young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing,



praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord! for  
sin and death shall not pre - vail. Praise the God of  
in glad ho - mage bend the knee. All the saints in



He hath spo - ken; worlds His might - y voice o - bey;  
our sal - va - tion! Host on high, His pow'r pro - claim;  
heav'n a - dore Thee; we would bow be - fore Thy throne;



law which ne - ver shall be bro - ken  
heav'n and earth and all cre - a - tion,  
as Thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee,



for their guid - ance He hath made.  
laud and mag - ni - fy His name.  
so on earth Thy will be done.

Words: st. 1 & 2 Anonymous; st. 3 Edward Osler  
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn



# O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer



1. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, great - est  
2. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, strong de -  
3. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, gra - c'ous



4 trea - sure of my long - ing soul, my God, like you there is no  
fend - er of my wea - ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de -  
7 sa - vior of my ru - ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your



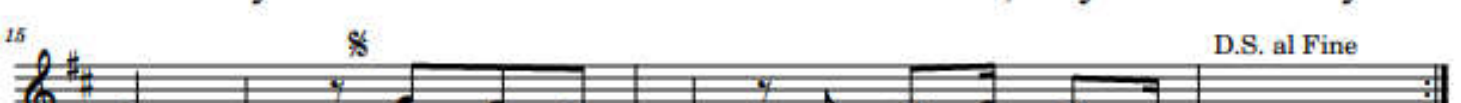
oth - er. True de - light is found in you a - lone. Your  
10 cei - ver and my sheild a - gainst his hate - ful darts. My  
should - ers. In my place, you suf - fered, bled, and died. You



12 grace, a well too deep to fath - om. Your  
song, when e - ne - mies sur - round me, my  
rose; the grave and death are con - quered! You



love ex - ceeds the heav - ens' reach. Your truth, a fount of perfect  
15 hope, when tides of sor - row rise. My joy when tri - als are a -  
broke my bonds of sin and shame. O Lord, my Rock and my Re -



wis - dom my high - est good and my un - end - ing need.  
bound - ing, your faith - ful - ness, my re - fuge in the night.  
deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

## Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



1. Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with  
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will  
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him; blessed the  
4. Sweet as home to pil - grim wea - ry, light to



fruit - less sor - row down. By the  
make o - be - dience sweet. Christ will  
ears that hear His voice. Bless - ed  
new - ly op - ened eyes, or full



brok - en law con - vict - ted, through the  
give you strength to bear it while His  
are the souls that trust Him and in  
springs in de - sert drea - ry is the



cross, be - hold the crown. Look to  
wis - dom guides your feet, safe to  
Him a - lone re - jice; His com -  
rest the cross sup - plies all who



Je - sus. Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.  
glo - ry, where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.  
mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.  
taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

Lyrics: Joseph Swain, 1792  
Music: ©2004 Gregory Wilbur

## 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).

All men are welcome to come to the men's breakfast on Saturday, **August 31**, at 8 a.m. There is a signup sheet in the hallway.

There are printed copies of the August FPC Newsletter on the back table for those that do not receive a digital copy.

### 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 48 July 28

Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?

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

Week 49, August 4

Where is Christ now?

**In heaven ruling his kingdom and interceding for us.**



## 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	\$ 5,002
Giving YTD	\$ 340,803
YTD Budget	\$ 207,721

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 5,193
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	Cecil Smith
Next Week	Bob Kalb

## 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	David & Karen Phillips
Next Week	John & Sandy Reed

## Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Pam Lauver
Next Week	Holly Kisly Reba Norris