

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, are patience, and pity, and sweetness, and love; therefore we are not consumed. You have exalted your mercy above all things, and have made our salvation, not our punishment, your glory; so that there, where sin abounded, grace superabounded. Accordingly, where we had sinned beyond any help in heaven or earth, then you said, "I come!" Then did the Lord of life, unable of himself to die, contrive to do it. He took flesh, he wept, he died. For his enemies he died. Blessed Savior! Many waters could not quench your love, nor no pit overwhelm it. The streams of your blood coursed through darkness, grave, and hell, and yet in spite of these conflicts and hazards, you did arise triumphant, and therein made us victorious.

George Herbert

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see,
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

*Prayer of Adoration

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains.
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.

To our King be highest praise, rising through eternal days!
Just and faithful, He shall reign; Jesus shall reign!

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name. (Chorus)

Let every creature rise and bring blessing and honor to our King.
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen! (Chorus)

The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in his providence, that it extends itself even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and men; and that not by a bare permission, but such as has joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding, and otherwise ordering, and governing of them, in a manifold dispensation, to his own holy ends; yet so, as the sinfulness thereof proceeds only from the creature, and not from God, who, being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or approver of sin.

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God does oftentimes leave, for a season, his own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; **and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and many other just and holy ends.**

Song of Confession

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

#264 vv 1,3

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all — a healing stream — flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:9-14

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

*Song of Rejoicing

He Will Hold Me Fast

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life, He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. (Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Exodus 1:15 - 2:10
The Invisible Hand

Pastor Andy Aikens

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him. (Chorus)

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield. I should come to him. (Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. (Chorus)

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.

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Benediction

from Psalm 73:23-24, 26

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.

Sermon Notes:

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah!
 2. Hap - py is the man who choo - ses
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hung - ry,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah!



Oh my soul, Je - ho - vah praise! I will sing the
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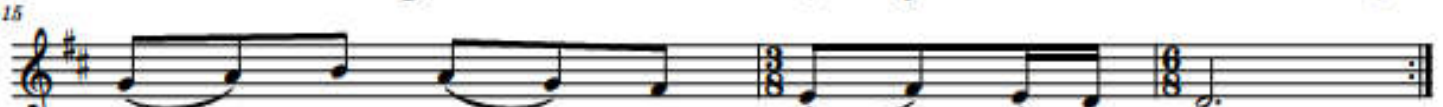
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 glo - ri - ous prai - ses of my God through all my days!



Put no con - fi - dence in prin - ces, nor for help on
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, and the strang - er
 O - ver all, God reigns for - e - ver; through all a - ges



man de - pend. He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing
 they con - tain. He de - li - vers from o - press - ion:
 he be - friends, helps the fa - ther - less and wi - dow,
 he is King. Un - to him, thy God O Zi - on,



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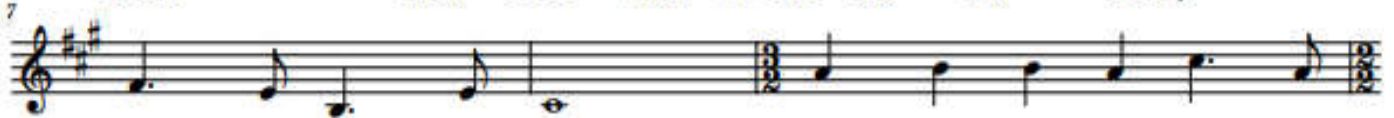
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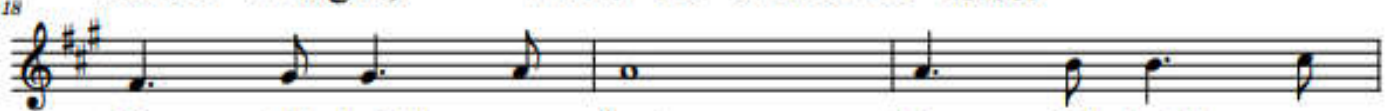
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lost; his pro - mi - ses shall last. Bought by him at
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such a cost; he will hold me fast.
turned to sight; when he comes at last.



He will hold me fast, He will hold me



fast; for my Sav - ior loves me



so, he will hold me fast.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Word & Music by
Colin Buchanan,
Michael Farren,

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

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CCLI Song #7139992
2019 CityAlight Music

News and Announcements

Join us for Sunday evening service tonight at 6 p.m. Please note there will not be a Sunday evening service on **September 8**.

Please join the Fall Women's Bible Study *Better: A Study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin, every Tuesday, **September 10** through **November 12**, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$10. There is a signup sheet in the hallway; note if you need childcare.

Mark your calendars for a joint service, **September 29**, 5:30 p.m. at FPC. A signup sheet for refreshments will be available soon.

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 52, August 25

What will God do for believers at the last day?

He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.

What will the new heaven and the new earth be like?

A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.

Week 1, September 1

What is God?

God is a Spirit and does not have a body like man.

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	9:30 a.m. starting 9/10

Giving

General Fund

2024 week 6/9/2024	\$ 8,594
Giving YTD	\$ 375,863
YTD Budget	\$ 235,417

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 5,835
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 2,614

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	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

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	Bobby & Pat Duck
Next Week	Vince & Louise Grilley

Nursery

Today	Cathy Hutchens Amber Pacana
Next Week	Pam Lauer Lynn Miser