

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!

Every Moment Holy, Vol. 2

Call to Worship

Revelation 19:4-9

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
small and great.”

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You.
All on earth Your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite, Your vast domain; everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train join Your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name You,
While in essence only one; undivided God, we claim You,
And, adoring, bend the knee while we sing this mystery.

*Prayer of Adoration

All praise to Him, the God of light Who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him Who names the stars that sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the Servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne to pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him Who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
Who lived to die, Who died to rise, the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts,
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the triune God, we raise with loving hearts our song of praise.

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The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.” ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

³⁰ And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

There is but one only, living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal, most just, and terrible in his judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fears depart.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, can heal my bruised soul,
Thy stripes not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.
To whom, save Thee, who canst alone for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Exodus 2:11-25
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Pastor Andy Aikens

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

*Benediction

May the God who's watchful eye never sleeps;
The God of wonders, power and love;
May He keep your feet from falling,
And make your thanks endless be,
Until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

All Praise to Him, the God of Light

1. All praise to Him, the God of light, who formed the
2. All praise to Him whose love is seen in Christ the
3. All praise to Him whose pow'r im-parts the love of

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moun - tains by His might. All praise to Him Who names the
Son, the ser - vant King, who left be - hind His glo - rious
God with - in our hearts. The Spi - rit of all truth and

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stars, that sing His fame in skies a - far. All praise to
throne to pay the ran - som for His own. All praise to
peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness To Fa - ther,

10
Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the gal - ax - ies a -
Him Who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and
Son, and Spir - it now our souls we lift our wills we

13
bove, yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry
shame, Who lived to die, Who died to
bow. To You, the Tri - une God, we

15
prayer, with sov' - reign pow'r and ten - der care.
rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

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Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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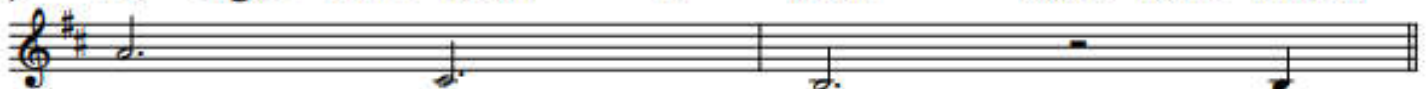
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2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
5. Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ,



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speak glad - ness to this heart; _____
can heal my bruised soul. _____
has borne the awful load _____
has paid the ransom due; _____
5 a - lone can co - ver me. _____



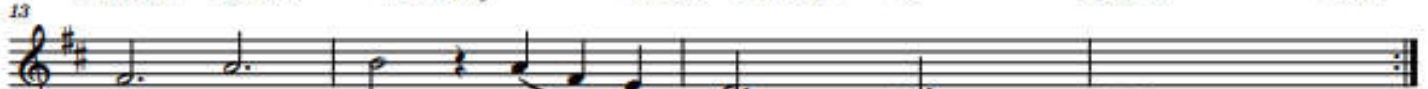
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they tell me all is done, they bid my
Thy stripes, not mine, contain the balm that
of sins that none could bear but the in -
ten thou - sand deaths like mine would have been
no right - eous - ness a - vails save that which



9
fear de - part. To
makes me whole.
car - nate God.
all too few.
is of thee.



13
whom save Thee, who canst a - lone for



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Sermon Notes:

News and Announcements

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

The Women's Ministry Team is announcing an evening study of *Whiter Than Snow: Meditations on Sin and Mercy* by Paul David Tripp, starting Thursday, **September 26**, 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$10. There is a signup sheet in the hallway.

Mark your calendars for a joint service, **September 29**, 5:30 p.m. at FPC. A signup sheet for refreshments is in the hallway.

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 on Sunday, **September 22**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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 2, September 8

Is there more than one true God?

No, there is only one true God.

Week 3, September 15

In how many Persons does this one God exist?

In three Persons.

Name these three Persons.

The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit.

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.

Giving

General Fund

2024 week 9/8	\$ 66,320
Giving YTD	\$ 455,805
YTD Budget	\$ 249,265

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 6,260
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 2,616

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	Orville Ennis
Next Week	Christian Ragle

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	Holly Kisly
Next Week	Greg & Lory Wood

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Brianna Sears
Next Week	Holly Kisly Keely Ragle