

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 God, you are life, wisdom, truth, bounty, and blessedness, the eternal, the only true good; our God and our Lord, you are our hope and our heart's joy—we acknowledge with thanksgiving that you have made us in your image, and that we may direct our thoughts to you. Lord, make us know you aright, that we may love, enjoy, and possess you more and more through Jesus Christ.

Anselm

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a

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

*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

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O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn You above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Creator God Our Sovereign Lord

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Creator God, our Sovereign Lord, the heavens tell, the stars have shown,
Your splendor, might, and Deity, but Truth lies in your Word alone.
My heart to you, O God, I give, and by your Word I live.

In Truth your Word reveals my guilt, my lost, unworthy self makes known,
But now made new I'm justified and live and move by Faith alone.
My heart to you, O God, I give, and now by Faith I live.

Before you made the world you chose, in love, to send your only Son
To ransom me and make me one with Christ, my Lord, by Grace alone.
My heart to you, O God, I give, and now by Grace I live.

O Christ, Redeemer, Savior, King, subdued by grace, I am your own;
Enthrall my soul and make me free, reformed, redeemed by Christ alone.
My heart to you, O God, I give, and now in Christ I live.

O glorious God, who reigns on high, with heart in hand, before your throne,
We hymn your glory 'round the world with psalms adoring you alone.
My heart to you, O God, I give, and for your glory live.

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸ Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹ And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

3. God, in his ordinary providence, makes use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them, at his pleasure.

7. As the providence of God does, in general, reach to all creatures; so, after a most special manner, it takes care of his church, and disposes all things to the good thereof.

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise,
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.

In the fullness of Thy grace to Thy house I will repair;
Bowing toward Thy holy place, lost in love I worship there.

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:26-30

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

*Song of Rejoicing

Romans Doxology

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Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How unsearchable are His ways! How profound are his judgments,
So high above our thoughts, and his pathways, no man can trace?

For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever more! To Him be glory forever!
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How magnificent are His ways! Who has been His advisor?
And who has counseled Him? All He gives us, who can repay? (Chorus)

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How immeasurable is His grace! How unfailing His kindness,
So far removed from wrath! And His mercies are new each day! (Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Mark 4:26-29
A Story About the Ordinary

Ryan Angel

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

*Closing Prayer

based on Galatians 6:7-9

In Christ, through His Spirit, may you go out of this place knowing the certainty of his mercy and peace so that you do not grow weary in sowing what is good and doing good to all people. May the hope of eternal life encourage you as you do what is pleasing to the Lord through all your days.

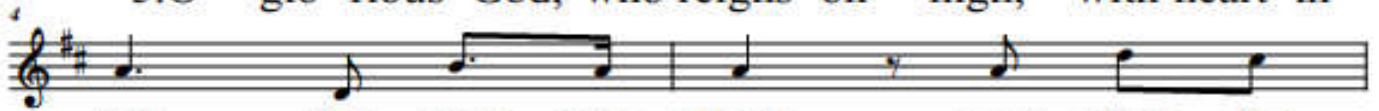
Creator God, Our Sovereign Lord

Douglas Bond, 2007

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2014



1. Cre - a - tor God, our Sov'-reign Lord, the heav-ens
2. In truth your Word re - veals my guilt, my lost, un-
3. Be - fore you made the world you chose, in love, to
4. O Christ, Re - deem - er, Sa - vior, King, sub - dued by
5. O glo - rious God, who reigns on high, with heart in



tell, the stars have shown, your splen - dor,
- wor - thy self makes known, But now made
send your on - ly Son to ran - som
grace, I am your own; en - thrall my
hand, be - fore your throne, we hymn your



might and de - i - ty, but truth lies
new I'm just - i - fied and live and
me and make me one with Christ, my
soul and make me free, re - formed, re -
glo - ry 'round the world with psalms a -



in your Word a - lone. My heart to you, O God, I
move by faith a - lone. My heart to you, O God, I
Lord by grace a - lone. My heart to you, O God, I
deemed by Christ a - lone. My heart to you, O God, I
dor - ing you a - lone. My heart to you, O God, I



give, and by your Word I _____ live.
give, and now by faith I _____ live.
give, and now by grace I _____ live.
give, and now in Christ I _____ live.
give, and for your glo - ry _____ live.

Romans Doxology

1. Oh the depth of the rich-es, the wis - dom of God! How un -
2. Oh the depth of the rich-es, the wis - dom of God! How mag -
3. Oh the depth of the rich-es, the wis - dom of God! How im -

search-a - ble are His ways! How pro - found are His judg - ments so
- ni - fi - cent are His way! Who has been His ad - vis - or? And
- mea - s'ra - ble is His grace! How un - fail - ing His kind - ness, as
high a - bove our thoughts, and His path - ways no man can trace. For
who has coun - seled Him? All He give us, who can re - pay?
far re - moved from wrath! And His mer - cies are new each day!

from Him and through Him and
to Him are all things. To Him be glo - ry for -
- e - ver - more, to Him be glo - ry for -
- e - ver! A - men, a -
men, a - - - men.

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Sermon Notes:

News and Announcements

Please come to a joint service **tonight** at **5:30 p.m.** at FPC.

The Memorial Service for Bob Gendjar will be Saturday, **October 19** at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Please note: there are two signup sheets in the hallway, one is for attendees only, and the second is for those bringing a side dish or dessert. Please let the Hospitality Committee know by **October 13** your plans so it can provide well.

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 4, September 22

Where is God?

God is everywhere.

Can you see God?

No, I cannot see God but he always sees me.

Week 5, September 29

Does God know all things?

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Can God do all things.

Yes. God can do all his holy will.

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	\$ 3,055
Giving YTD	\$ 461,700
YTD Budget	\$ 263,113

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 6,310
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	Richard Parks
Next Week	Kevin Wyson

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	Greg & Lory Wood
Next Week	Sherry Nichols

Nursery

Today	April Marion Keely Ragle
Next Week	Hope Aikens Pam Lauver