

# 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 Lord my God and Heavenly Father,  
Knit my heart to Yours through the hearing and reading of Your Word, that where You love most, there I may love also. Grant Your grace to watch and pray that I enter not into temptation. Draw my mind upward, move me by Your Spirit to be rapt and ravished with the sight and feeling of heavenly things this day. Let me not be carried away with the vain pleasures and fond delights of this world. Good Father, work the good work of the gospel in me, never leave me nor forsake me, til You have brought me safely home, that place of true happiness. Amen.

*from Every Day Prayer with the Puritans*

### Call to Worship

### Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing  
Psalm 145

Nettleton

God, my king, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;  
Day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.  
Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?  
Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell,  
Speak of thy great acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell.  
Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought:  
Works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,  
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.  
All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee, thee shall all thy saints adore.  
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

\*Hymn of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" <sup>23</sup> Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

<sup>24</sup> But the word of God increased and multiplied.

<sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

<sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. <sup>6</sup> When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. <sup>7</sup> He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. <sup>8</sup> But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

<sup>9</sup> But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup> and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup> Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

**3. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life; and others foreordained to everlasting death.**

5. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of his will, **hath chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of his mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith, or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto; and all to the praise of his glorious grace.**

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

\*Assurance of Pardon

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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?

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

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

John 17  
Beholding the Shepherd Who Prays

Dr. Chuck Barrett

## 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

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:  
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;  
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,  
This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love to thee, more love to thee!

\* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.

\*Benediction

*from* Matthew 11:28-30 and John 10:28-29

Now, as you depart, take His yoke upon you and learn from Him for He is gentle and  
humble of heart that you might find in Him, rest for your souls.  
For He has said, I give my sheep eternal life and they shall never perish;  
no one can snatch them out of my hand.



# 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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good, God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness  
lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re - wards will heav - en  
dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our  
known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our  
bring? E - ver last - ing life with Him. There we will  
days with - in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com  
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the stor - my  
rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be des -  
mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of  
trail? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the  
troyed. And we will feast in end - less joy when Christ is  
Christ, in which we stand. O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our  
shore, the rock of Christ?  
ours for e - ver 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.

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## Sermon Notes:

## News and Announcements

There will not be a Sunday Service tonight.

The Memorial Service for Bob Gendjar will be Saturday, **October 19** at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Notice 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.

Ladies of all ages, you are invited to attend the Women's Breakfast on Saturday, November 2, at 9:30 a.m. We will consider together the beauty of the spiritual discipline of prayer through all seasons. See the sign up sheet in the hallway.

The annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child outreach is **October 1—November 18**. Supplies and information are on tables in the hallway and Narthex. For additional information, see Nancy Schrader or the FPC October Newsletter.

### 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 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.**

Week 6, October 6

Who made you?

**God**

## 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	\$ 1,660
Giving YTD	\$ 463,360
YTD Budget	\$ 270,037

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 6,360
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	Kevin Wyson
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	Sherry Nichols
Next Week	Sherry Hewitt

## Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Pam Lauver
Next Week	Sara Hoover Amber Pacana