

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 96:1-10a

- Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

Prayer of Adoration

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him! Hail him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;
Praise him! Praise him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! Hail him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:
(Chorus)

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever; crown him! Crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious, pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:
(Chorus)

Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴ but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³ Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

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.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and answer me.
I am poor and needy.
Save my life for you are the only God.
For to you I cry.

You, O Lord, are full of mercy.
Gracious are you, O God.
Slow to anger abounding in faithfulness.
Turn to me, deliver me.
Save me in Your love.

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving.
Give ear to my prayer.
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth;
Fix my heart to fear You.

You, O Lord, are full of mercy.
Gracious are you, O God.
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Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10:9-13

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. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness; new every morn;
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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Luke 10:25-37
The Good Savior

Pastor Rob Herron

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self-abasing,
This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.

*Benediction

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.

Hear My Prayer

Psalm 86

1. Hear my prayer O Lord, and answer me.
2. You O Lord, are good and forgiving.

3 I am poor and needy.
Give ear to my prayer.

5 Save my life, for You are the only God.
Teach your way, so that I may walk in your truth.

7 For to you I cry
Fix my heart to fear you.

9 You, O Lord, are full of mercy,
11 gracious are you, O God.

13 Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness,
15 turn to me, deliver me. Save me in your love.

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His Mercy is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on
done; om - ni - scient, all know - ing he counts not their
roam; what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us
us; His blood was the pay - ment; His life was the
sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver a - ford.
our sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
Praise the Lord! His
mer - cy is more!
Strong - er than dark - ness,
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Sermon Notes:

News and Announcements

There will not be a Sunday Service tonight but youth ages 12-18 will meet at the home of Rich and Judy Parks for a time of recreation, food, and discipleship from 5:30—7:30 p.m.

The Memorial Service for Bob Gendjar will be Saturday, **October 19** at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Notice there are two sign-up 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**. Please pick up your supplies on the table in the hallway. 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 6, October 6

Who made you?

God

Week 7, October 13

How did God create man?

God created man, male and female, after his own image.

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	\$ 34,592
Giving YTD	\$ 497,952
YTD Budget	\$ 276,961

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 6,895
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	Bob Kalb
Next Week	Greg Wood

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 Hewitt
Next Week	Reba Norris

Nursery

Today	Sara Hoover Amber Pacana
Next Week	Reba Norris Brianna Sears