

Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

O great God of highest heaven, love flows first from You to us. We know what love is only because of You, and all of our longings are completely fulfilled in You. This morning as we approach You, through Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, may we worship You with the knowledge that we are completely protected, valued, forgiven, and loved. You have set Your love upon us and caused our gaze to rest in You. May we rest today in that great love.

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-11

LORD, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an ev'ning gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

My God, my Portion and my Love, my everlasting All,
I've none but Thee in heav'n above, or on this earthly ball.

What empty things are all the skies and this inferior clod!
There's nothing here deserves my joys; there's nothing like my God.

In vain, the bright, the burning sun scatters His feeble light.
'Tis Thy sweet beams create my noon. If Thou withdraw, 'tis night.

Let all that dwells above the sky and air and earth and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation, join in one to bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

New Testament Reading

Acts 13:26-41

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you.’

³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

“I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.’

³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm,

“You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’

³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, ³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. ³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

⁴¹ “Look, you scoffers,
be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 11.1
Of Justification

Those whom God effectually calls, He also freely justifies: **not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone;** nor by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; **but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness, by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.**

Song of Confession

Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean

p.9 vv1-2

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who, His love cannot remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, flowed incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

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

*Song of Rejoicing

Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean

p.9 vv 3-4

Let me, all Thy love accepting, love Thee ever, all my days.
Let me seek Thy kingdom only, and my life be to Thy praise.
Thou alone shall be my glory. Nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me. Thou Thyself has set me free.

In Thy truth, Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit, through Thy Word,
And Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Acts 21:13
I Am Ready

Pastor Andy Aikens

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue;
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*Benediction

from Colossians 1:10, 2:14-15 and Proverbs 3:26

May the Triune God, who has broken down the dividing wall of hostility,
grant you the grace of gratitude and confidence and deliverance from every snare
so that you may walk in a manner worthy of His name bearing fruit that will last.

My God, My Portion, & My Love

Isaac Watts

Mack Wilberg



1. My God, my por - tion___ and my Love, my
2. What em - pty things are___ all the skies and
3. In vain, the bright, the___ burn - ing sun scat -
4. Let all that dwells a - bove the sky and
5. The whole cre - a - tion,___ join in one to



e - ver - last - ing___ All, I've
this in - fer - ior___ clod! There's
ters his fee - ble___ light. 'Tis
air and earth and___ seas con -
bless the sa - cred___ name of



none but_ Thee in Heav'n a - bove, or
no - thing here de - serves my_ joys; There's
Thy sweet beams cre - ate_ my_ noon. If
spire to___ lift Thy glo - ries_ high and
Him that_ sits up - on___ the_ throne, and



on this earth - ly ball.
no - thing like my God.
Thou with - draw, 'tis night.
speaks thine end - less praise.
to a - dore the Lamb.

Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean

Rees/Williams/Edwards/Lowry



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing kind - ness as the
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun - tains o - pened deep and
3. Let me, all thy love ac - cep - ting, love thee e - ver, all my
4. In thy truth, thou dost di - rect me_ by thy Spi - rit, though thy



flood, when the Prince of Life, our Ran - som, shed for
wide; through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy_ flowed a
days. Let me seek thy king - dom on - ly_ and my
Word, and thy grace my need is meet - ing, as I



us His pre - cious blood. Who, His love can - not re -
vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and love, like mi - ghty
life be to thy praise. Thou a - lone shall be my
trust in thee, my Lord. Of thy full - ness thou art



mem - ber?_ Who can cease to sing His praise? He can
ri - vers, flowed in - cess - ant from a - bove. Hea - vens'
glo - ry. No - thing in the world I see. Thou hast
pour - ing thy great love and pow'r on me, with - out



ne - ver be for - got - ten, through - out Heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
peace and per - fect just - ice_ kissed a guilt - y world in love.
cleansed and sanc - ti - fied me_ Thou thy - self has set me free.
meas - ure, full and bound - less, draw - ing out my heart to thee.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Mozart

(alt. by Bill Moore)

Words by Henry Lyte

1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me;
3. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,
All to leave and fol - low Thee.
They have left my Sa - vior too.
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
De - sti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
Heav'n's e - ter - nal days be - fore thee,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Thou art not like them un - true.
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Per - ish e - v'ry fond am - bi - tion,
Oh, while thou dost smile u - pon me,
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
God of wis - dom, love and might,
Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.
Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,
God and Heav'n are still my own.
Show thy face and all is bright.
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

News and Announcements

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 7, October 13

How did God create man?

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

Week 8, October 20

In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

He made them holy and happy.

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. On Break for Winter Months
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	\$ 18,743
Giving YTD	\$ 516,695
YTD Budget	\$ 283,885

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 7,005
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	Greg Wood
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	Reba Norris
Next Week	Greg & Lory Wood

Nursery

Today	Reba Norris Brianna Sears
Next Week	Lynn Miser Sandy Reed