

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 97:1-9

- The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 2.1

Of God, and of the Holy Trinity

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.

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God. (Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God. (Chorus)

New Testament Reading

Acts 14:1-23

Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM the King, of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Acts 17:22-34

Pastor Andy Aikens

What is the Gospel? Part 1 God

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 come forward to the table.

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.

We will feast in the house of Zion; we will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together; we will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful One
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom (Chorus)

*Benediction

We have been fed with spiritual food. Now because the eternal God has graciously accepted us through our Savior Jesus Christ, may we go into the world, strengthened by His peace and empowered by His Spirit to love and serve all those with whom we live and work. **Amen.**

Only a Holy God

Words and Music by
Michael Ferren, Jonny Robison,
Dustin Smith and Rich Thompson



1. Who else com-mands all the host of heaven?
2. What o - ther beau - ty de-mands such praises?
3. What o - ther glo - ry consumes like fi - re?
4. Who else can res - cue me from my fail-ing?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dour out-shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trembles?
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just-ice?
What oth - er name re-mains un - de - feat - ed?
Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther?



On - ly a Ho - ly God.



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the



On - ly. Cry out sing ho - ly, for -



-e - ver a Ho - ly God. Come and



wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

Before The Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea: a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I



love, who e - ver lives and pleads for me. My name is
there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
AM", the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with him -



grav - en on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free, for God the just is sa - tis - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Will Feast in the House of Zion'. It consists of nine staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end. The lyrics are: 'We will feast in the house of Zi - on, we will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther, we will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be burned by the fire He 2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my 3. Ev' - ry vow, we've bro - ken and be - trayed. You is the Lord, Our God We are not con - soul be not a - fraid. For the prom - ised are the faith - ful one. And from the - sumed by the flood up - mor - - ing, oh, how long? Oh gar - - en to the grave, bind held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up. God of Ja - cob, be my strength. us to - geth - er bring Sha - lom.'

By Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore
Drink Your Tea Music/joshuamooreownthismusic

News and Announcements

The annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child outreach ends **November 18**. Items for church-packed boxes are due by **November 10** and filled boxes are due by **November 17**.

Please note the Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will not be meeting on **November 5**.

The FPC Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, **November 17** following the worship service. A signup sheet is in the hallway.

Printed copies of the FPC November Newsletter are available in the hallway.

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 9, October 27

Do you have a soul as well as a body?

Yes, and my soul is going to last forever.

Week 10, November 3

What else did God make?

God made all things.

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 10/27	\$ 1,312
Giving YTD	\$ 520,592
YTD Budget	\$ 297,733

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 7,140
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 4,616

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	Cecil Smith
Next Week	Bill Allbright

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols, Tom Buettner, Levi Powell,
Accompanists	Matt Bundy, Robert Berman, Scott Hewitt, Isabelle Aikens
Sanctuary Flowers	Sherry Hewitt

Greeters

Today	Bill & Fran Allbright
Next Week	John & Sandy Reed

Nursery

Today	Pam Lauver Keely Ragle
Next Week	Hope Aikens April Marion