

Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

With what shall we come before you, O Lord? Or bow ourselves in your presence, O you Most High God? Cause us to come unto you in faith: mentioning no other name, pleading no other righteousness, and trusting in no other atonement than the name, righteousness, and atonement of your blessed Son and our adorable Mediator Jesus Christ. In him, we desire to be found; though him, we hope for favor with you, and acceptance in your sight. Blessed be your goodness for the mercies of the day, for the blessings of your providence, the comforts of your Spirit, and the privileges we enjoy. Amen.

Augustus Toplady

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name; for His mercies, firm and sure,
From eternity the same, to eternity endure.

Praise Him, ye who know His love!
Praise Him from the depths beneath!
Praise Him in the heights above!
Praise your Maker all that breathe!

Let the ransomed thus rejoice, gathered out of ev'ry land,
As the people of His choice, plucked from the destroyer's hand. (Chorus)

For His truth and mercy stand, past, and present, and to be,
Like the years of His right hand, like His own eternity. (Chorus)

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. (Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. (Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet. (Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home. (Chorus)

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.³ So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?¹¹ But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

¹² And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me.¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name.¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ “After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,
¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things¹⁸ known from of old.”

¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God,²⁰ but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; **and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation;** as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. **But, under the new testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected;** and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 3:11-14

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fears depart.

To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, can heal my bruised soul,
Thy stripes not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole. (Chorus)

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God. (Chorus)

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few. (Chorus)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. (Chorus)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Acts 17:22-34
What is the Gospel? Part 2 Man

Pastor Andy Aikens

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life

May the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!

All the earth is Yours and all within each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word (Chorus)

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name
To ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims (Chorus)

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!
All creation praise Your glorious Name (Chorus)

*Benediction

based on 1 Timothy 6:11-13

May God, who gives life to everything, and our gracious Savior,
who bought you with his precious blood, now empower you by His Holy Spirit
to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.
May you fight the good fight of the faith so that His name is exalted
and you may take hold of the eternal life to which you were called,
for His glory alone.
Amen.

Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

Psalm 146

1. Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name; for His
2. Let the ran - somed thus re - joice, ga - thered
3. For His truth and mer - cy_ stand, past and
mer - cies, firm and sure, from e -
out of e - v'ry land, as the
pre - sent, and to be, like the
ter - ni - ty the_ same to e -
peo - ple of His_ choice plucked from
years of His right hand, like His
ter - ni - ty en - dure. Praise Him,
the de - stroy - er's hand.
own e - ter - ni - ty.
ye who know His_ love; praise Him
from the depths be - neath; praise Him
in the heights a - bove; praise your
ma - ker_ all that breathe.

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Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

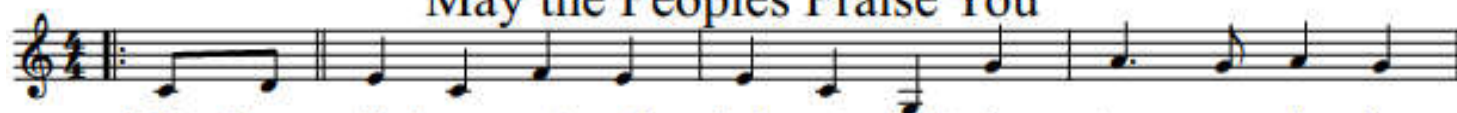
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1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ,
2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
5. Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ,
speak glad - ness to this heart; _____
can heal my bruised soul. _____
has borne the awful load _____
has paid the ransom due; _____
a - lone can co - ver me. _____
they tell me all is done, they bid my
Thy stripes, not mine, contain the balm that
of sins that none could bear but the in -
ten thousand deaths like mine would have been
no right - eous - ness a - vails save that which
fear de - part. To
makes me whole.
car - nate God.
all too few.
is of thee.
whom save Thee, who canst a - lone for
sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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May the Peoples Praise You



1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to your glo - rious
 2. May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
 3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your
 4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
 5. This our ho - ly pri - v'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



light, that we may sing the won - ders of the_ ris - en Christ.
 strife with bound - less love and deep - est_ joy, with end - less
 own. And from Your hand we give to_ you, to_ make Christ known.
 heard. May songs of praise build lives of_ grace to_ spread your
 name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue Your church pro -



life. May the peo - ples praise you; let the na - tions be_
 word.
 claims.



glad! All your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may



praise the name of_ Je - sus. sus. Ho - ly, Ho - ly,



is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy wor - thy is the lamb who was slain.



All cre - a - tion praise your glo - ri - ous name. May the

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**.

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

Please note that the Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes on **November 12** at 9:30 a.m.

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 10, November 3

What else did God make?

God made all things.

Week 11, November 10

Why did God make you and all things?

For His own glory.

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 11/3	\$ 14,550
Giving YTD	\$ 534,985
YTD Budget	\$ 304,657

Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 7,720
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	Bill Allbright
Next Week	Vince Grilley

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	John & Sandy Reed
Next Week	Jim & Carol Sparks

Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens April Marion Reba Norris
Next Week	Amber Pacana Lorelei Pacana Brianna Sears