

# 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                      The Season of Advent

Preparation for Worship                      Redeemed to be a Family

Covenant God, You heard your people yearning for a Savior. Thank you for sending your Son so long ago. We now rehearse your promise that Christ will come again, that death and suffering will end and every tear will be wiped away. Come, Lord Jesus, come. As you fulfilled Israel's hopes long ago, so we long for all these promises to be fulfilled. Amen.

\*Call to Worship                                      Isaiah 2:2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say:

**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”**

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

\*Hymn of Praise                                      O Come All Ye Faithful                                      #208 vv1-3

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created; (Chorus)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest; (Chorus)

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Expectation

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.  
Not as of old a little child to bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,  
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we his face shall see.  
And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,  
When right shall triumph over wrong and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly King of kings.

Prophecy Made

Hosea 2:16-23

“And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ <sup>17</sup> For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. <sup>18</sup> And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. <sup>19</sup> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

“And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,  
I will answer the heavens,  
and they shall answer the earth,  
<sup>22</sup> and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and they shall answer Jezreel,  
<sup>23</sup> and I will sow her for myself in the land.  
And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’;  
and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

### John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

### Song of Rejoicing

### O Praise the Father

O praise the Father, praise the Son, the Lamb for sinners given,  
And Holy Spirit, through whom alone our hearts are raised to Heaven.

### Profession of Faith

### Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 74. What is adoption?

**Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.**

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God,  
We are a people full of transgressions toward one another and ultimately you.  
We do not love well in words and actions all the time.

*I often prefer myself and my desires over others.  
According to your unfailing love, have mercy on me.  
I often think more highly of myself than I ought.  
According to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.  
In my pride, I do not see the people around me.  
According to your unfailing love, wash away all my iniquity.  
In my pride, I do not want to serve the people around me.  
According to your great compassion, cleanse me from all my sin.  
In my pride, I can be annoyed at, frustrated with, or angry at the people around me.  
According to your unfailing love, have mercy on me.*

Create in us O Lord a *pure heart*.  
Renew in us a *steadfast spirit to your law*.  
Grant in us a *willing spirit to love well other people*.  
That we may more nearly reflect the image of your perfect Son  
and look like a beautiful family that you have purchased  
for your glory and our good.

\*Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

The first Noel, earth and heaven embraced  
as a virgin beheld her newborn babe  
From realms on high to a manger on earth  
Salvation had dawned in a lowly birth.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!

The Son of God, in kindness he came  
As a friend to the hopeless, the lost, and the lame  
Our sins he bore yet his name we despised  
And the hands that brought healing were pierced as he died.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!

The Author of Life, there lifeless he lay  
As the grave cast its shadow and darkness reigned  
Then out of death broke forth a great light  
As he rose up in victory, the glorious Christ.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King, Born is the King,  
Born is the King of Israel!

Sermon

Nature of Redemption  
Language of the Family  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sing we the song of Emmanuel, this the Christ who was long foretold.  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God Most High in a manger laid; lift your voices and now proclaim—  
Great and glorious, Love has come to us! Join now with the hosts of heaven.

“Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria!”

Come we to welcome Emmanuel, King who came with no crown or throne.  
Helpless he lay the Invincible, Maker of Mary now Mary’s son.  
O what wisdom to save us all, shepherds, sages before him fall.  
Grace and majesty, what humility, come on bended knee adore him.

“Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria!”

Go spread the news of Emmanuel, joy and peace for the weary heart.  
Lift up your heads for your King has come; sing for the Light overwhelms the dark!  
Glory shining for all to see; hope alive let the gospel ring.  
God has made a way; he will have the praise; tell the world his name is Jesus!  
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\*Benediction

*from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

And now, knowing that you have been reconciled to God by the blood of Christ, and knowing that, in Christ, you are the righteousness of God, go forth as a new creation, taking part in the ministry of reconciliation. As ambassadors, let the light of the Spirit shine through and make your appeal to the world.



# The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Ancient Greek Hymn,  
Tr. John Brownlie, 1907

Gregory Wilbur, 2009

1. The King shall come when morn - ing\_ dawns, and  
2. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall  
3  
light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
this fair morn - ing be, when Christ, our King, in  
6  
east - ern\_ hills, and life to joy a - wakes. Not  
beau - ty\_ comes, and we His face shall see. And  
9  
3. The  
as of old a lit - tle\_ child to  
let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
11 King shall come when morn - ing\_ dawns, and  
bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry  
wea - ry saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
14 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy  
like the\_ sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
o - ver\_ wrong and truth shall be\_ ex - tolled.  
peo - ple\_ pray, come quick - ly King of kings.



# The First Noel

Born is the King

1. The first no - el, earth and Hea - ven em - braced, as a  
2. The Son of God, in kind - ness He came, as a  
3. The Au - thor of life there life - less He lay, as the

vir - gin be - held her new born babe. From  
friend to the hope - less, the lost, and the lame. Our  
grave cast its sha - dow and dark - ness reigned. Then

realms on high to a man - ger on earth, sal -  
sins He bore, yet His name we des - pised, and the  
out of death broke forth a great light, as He

va - tion had dawned in a low - ly birth. No -  
hands that brought heal - ing were pierced as He died.  
rose up in vic t'ry, the glo - ri - ous Christ.

-el, no - el, no - el, no - el,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

born is the King born is the King

born is the King of Is - - ra - el.

# Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

1. Sing we the song of Em-man-u-el, this the Christ who was  
2. Come we to welcome Em-man-u-el, King who came with no  
3. Go spread the news of Em-man-u-el, joy and peace for the  
long fore-told. Lo in the sha-dows of Beth - le - hem,  
crown or throne. Help-less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,  
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads, for your King has come,  
promise of dawn now our eyes be-hold. God most high in a  
ma-ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son. O what wis-dom to  
sing for the light o - ver-whelmsthe dark. Glo - ry shin-ing for  
man - ger laid! Lift your voic - es and now proclaim:  
save us all. Shep-herds sa - ges, be - fore Him fall.  
all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.  
Great and glo - ri-ous! Love has come to us!  
Grace and ma - je-sty! what hu - mi - li - ty!  
God has made a way, He will have the praise!  
Join now with the host of hea - ven.\_\_\_\_  
Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.\_\_\_\_  
Tell the world His name is Je - sus.\_\_\_\_  
Glo - - ria! Glo - - ri-a!

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## News and Announcements

We will be gathering for worship on **Christmas Eve** at 6 p.m. We hope you make plans to join us.

The church office will be closed from Wednesday, **December 25**, through Wednesday, **January 1**. Normal hours will resume on Thursday, **January 2**.

A book study of *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World* by Melissa Kruger begins on Thursday, **January 16**, from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information see Holly Kisly.

### 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 16, December 15

What is meant by lack of conformity?

**Not being or doing what God requires.**

What is meant by transgression?

**Doing what God forbids.**

Week 17, December 22

What does every sin deserve?

**The wrath and curse of 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. 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. On Break

## Giving

### General Fund

2024 week 12/15	\$ 27,655
Giving YTD	\$ 600,613
YTD Budget	\$ 346,201

### Deacon's Fund

2024 YTD Giving	\$ 9,459
2023 Rollover	\$ 4,841
2024 Disbursements	\$ 12,016

## 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  
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton

## 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	Richard Parks
Next Week	Kevin Wyson

## 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	Greg Wood
Next Week	David & Karen Phillips

## Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens April Marion Brianna Sears
Next week	Cathy Hutchens Pam Lauver Nancy Wise