

# 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

Psalm 121:1b-2

Where does our help come from?

**Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

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 Everyday Prayer with the Puritans*

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

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

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

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

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

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

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

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

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Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see,  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;  
Unto him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

\*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)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>1</sup> “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup> And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”

## Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter 17.1-2  
*Of the Perseverance of the Saints*

1. They, whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, **can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end,** and be eternally saved.

2. This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, **flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit,** and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which arises also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

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. (Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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)

Sermon

The Discipline of Self-Denial  
Ephesians 4:17-23

Pastor Andy Aikens

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

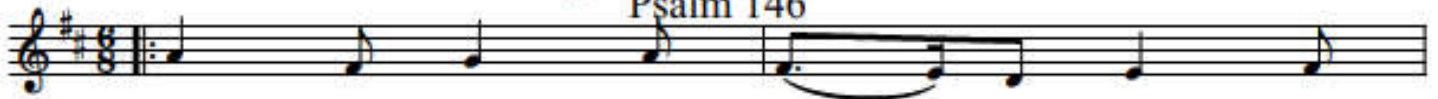
\*Benediction

*from* Psalm 73:23-24, 26

Because of the covenant love of our Lord,  
may you know you are held by God's right hand,  
guided by his counsel, and will be taken to glory.  
Your heart and flesh may fail, but God is your strength and portion forever.

# Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Psalms 146



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah!  
2. Hap - py is the man who choo - ses  
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry,  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah!



Oh my soul, Je - ho - vah praise! I will sing the  
Is - rael's God to be his aid! He is blessed, whose  
sets the mourn - ing pris' - ner free, rais - es those bowed  
Oh my soul, Je - ho - vah praise! I will sing the



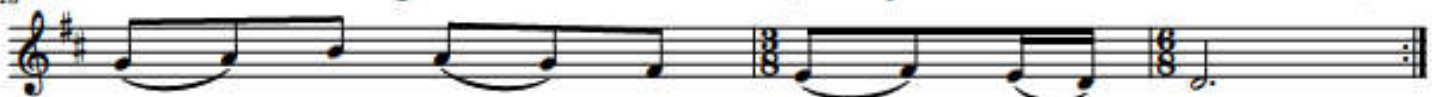
glo - ri - ous prai - ses of my God through all my days!  
hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.  
glo - ri - ous prai - ses of my God through all my days!



Put no con - fi - dence in prin - ces, nor for help on  
Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that  
Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, and the strang - er  
O - ver all, God reigns for - e - ver; through all a - ges



man de - pend. He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing  
they con - tain. He de - li - vers from op - press - ion:  
he be - friends, helps the fa - ther - less and wi - dow,  
he is King. Un - to him, thy God O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
right - eous - ness he will main - tain.  
judge - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing!

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# 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.  
7 Teach your way, so that I may walk in your truth.

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

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

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

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# Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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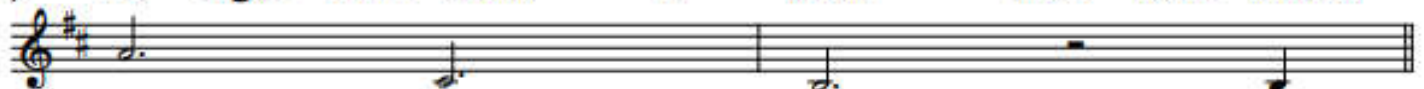
1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
5. Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ,



3 speak glad - ness to this heart; \_\_\_\_\_  
can heal my bruis - ed soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
has borne the aw - ful load \_\_\_\_\_  
has paid the ran - som due; \_\_\_\_\_  
5 a - lone can co - ver me. \_\_\_\_\_



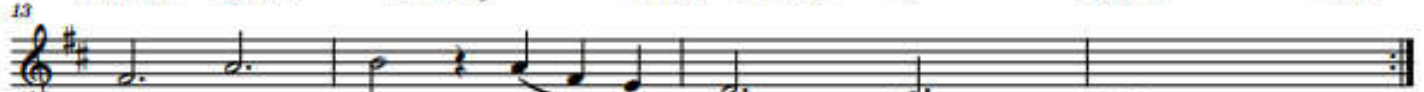
7 they tell me all is done, they bid my  
Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain the balm that  
of sins that none could bear but the in -  
ten thou - sand deaths like mine would have been  
no right - eous - ness a - vails save that which



9 fear de - part. To  
makes me whole.  
car - - nate God.  
all too few.  
is of thee.



13 whom save Thee, who canst a - lone for



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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## News and Announcements

Are you able to prepare coffee, tea, and water? There is a sign-up sheet, for the remainder of this year, if you would like to serve by preparing and cleaning up the Sunday morning refreshments.

Tonight is the 5:30 p.m. joint service at Grace Presbyterian Church in Cookeville. Pastor Andy is preaching, and there will be refreshments after the service.

### 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 30, March 23

How do you repent of your sin?

**I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.**

What does it mean to believe in Christ?

**To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.**

Week 31, March 30

How does God sanctify you?

**God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.**

Hymn of the Month—copies are available on the table in the hallway.

**There is a Redeemer**

## 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
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

2025 week 3/23	\$ 2,005
Giving YTD	\$ 229,205
YTD Budget	\$ 113,887

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 4,270
2024 Rollover	\$ 2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$ 1,942

## 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  
Reformed Church of Ghent, MTW Belgium

## North America & Local

Christ Church Presbyterian in Powell  
Plateau Pregnancy Services  
Good Samaritans, 10th Street  
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel  
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton  
Myers Park Initiative, Greg Salazar  
Occom Ministries, Native American Initiative

## Session

Andy Aikens TE, Senior Pastor  
Robert Berman, RE '27  
Bobby Duck RE '25  
Jim Sparks RE '26  
Richard Parks RE '27  
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

## Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25  
Vince Grilley '26  
John Reed '26  
Mike Tuuk '27

## Staff

Music Director	Matt Bundy
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

## Security Team

Today	Tim Grimes
Next Week	Richard Parks

## Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols, Tom Buettner, Levi Powell,
Accompanists	Matt Bundy, Robert Berman, Scott Hewitt, Isabelle Aikens, Diane Remillard, Aubrey Lewis, Annalise Aikens
Sanctuary Flowers	Sherry Hewitt

## Greeters

Today	Judy Hawes
Next Week	Orville & Audrey Ennis

## Nursery

Today	April Marion Laura Powell
Next Week	Amber & Lorelei Pacana