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 Saviour of sinners, thy name is excellent, thy glory high, thy compassions unfailing, thy condescension wonderful, thy mercy tender. I bless thee for the discoveries, invitations, promises of the gospel for in it is pardon for rebels, liberty for captives, health for the sick, salvation for the lost. I come to thee in thy beloved name of Jesus; re-impress thy image upon my soul; raise me above the smiles and frowns of the world, regarding it as a light thing to be judged by men; may thy approbation be my only aim, thy Word my one rule.

from Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-13

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. *Hymn of Praise

God My King, Thy Might Confessing Psalm 145

God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name; Day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim. Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach? Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.

They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell, Speak of thy great acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell. Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought: Works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love, God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove. All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee, thee shall all thy saints adore. King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

> Thank you O my Father for giving us your Son, And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. (Chorus)

When I stand in glory, I will see his face; There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. (Chorus) p.8

Matthew 20:17-28

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Profession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 33. What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Song of Confession	Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted	p.9 v.1
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Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down. By the broken law convicted, through the cross, behold the crown. Look to Jesus. Mercy flows through him alone.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Romans 5:15-17

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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

*Song of Rejoicing	Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted	p.9 vv.2-4
Christ will give you	and wear it. Love will make obedience sweet. strength to bear it, while his wisdom guides your feet, e his ransomed captives meet.	
Blessed are the sou	s that see him; blest the ears that hear his voice. ls that trust him, and in him alone rejoice; s then become their happy choice.	
Or full springs in d	bilgrims weary, light to newly opened eyes, eserts dreary is the rest the cross supplies; ll to rest immortal rise.	

Sermon

The Discipline of Cross-Bearing Matthew 16:24 Pastor Andy Aikens

Keep the Feast

Joyfully we join you at your table, pleading not our righteousness. By your wealth of mercy, we are able now to feast in confidence.

> Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink. Remember how he loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior? Who his sandals could untie? Who are we that he would show us favor? Granting us this gift of life. (Chorus)

Happy sign of friendship and reunion with the blessed three in one. Foretaste of that glorious communion, vision of the world to come. (Chorus)

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.

*Song of Response

Doxology

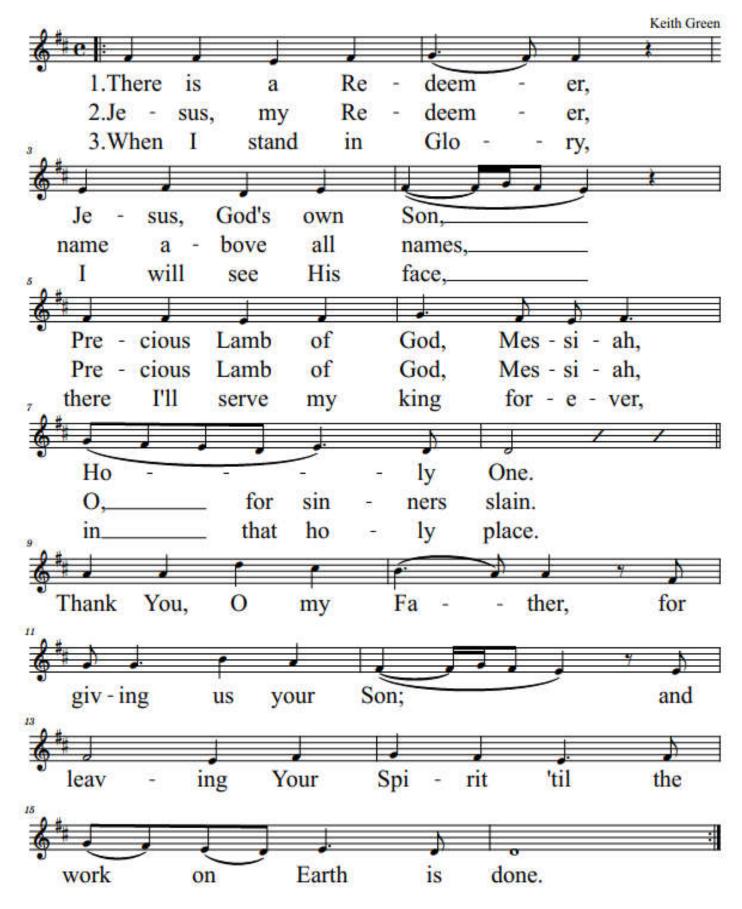
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*Benediction

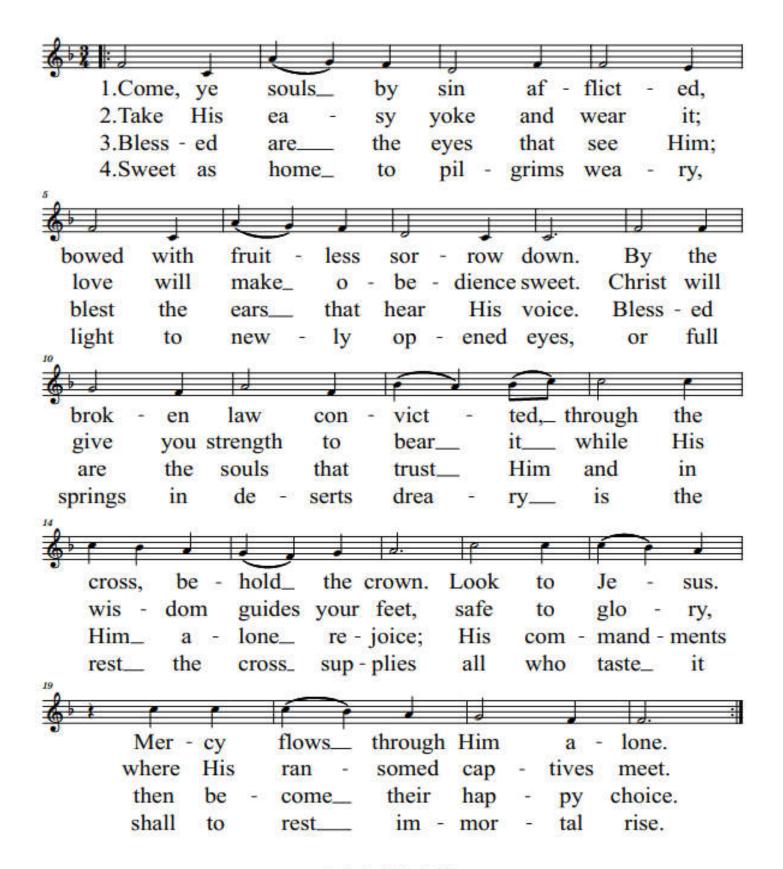
Ephesians 2:4-5,10

Now because of the great love with which God loved us, that makes us alive together with Christ, may you walk in grace and do the good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Sermon Notes:

There Is a Redeemer



Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



Lyrics: Joseph Swain, 1792 Music: ©2004 Gregory Wilbur

Keep the Feast

Skye Peterson & Ben Shive

1.Joy - ful lv join you at your ta ble. we 2.Who is fit feast with such a Sa - vior? to friendship and re - un - ion 3.Hap - py of sign plead ing right not our ness. eous Who his could tie? dals san un bless with ed three the in one. of By your wealth mer - cy, ble we are a Who he would show us fa are we that vor? 1.0 Fore - taste of that glo - ri - ous com-mun - ion, in feast fi dence. to now con - ing gift this life. of Grant us sion of world vi the to come. this bread Take and eat. 11 this cup drink. Take and Re 13 ber how he loved -mem us: re 15 -joice and keep the feast.

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News and Announcements

Prepare your hearts and minds for the Holy Week worship schedule.

- April 13 Palm Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- April 17 Maundy Thursday at 6 p.m. We will be reading Matthew 26, singing hymns, and taking the Lord's Supper..
- April 18 Good Friday at 6 p.m. We will be reading Matthew 27 and singing hymns.
- April 20 Easter Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

If you are considering donating books to the church library, please hold off until the FPC library has located to its new site.

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 31, March 30

How does God sanctify you? God makes me more and more holy in heart and conduct.

Week 32, April 6

Where do learn how to love and obey God? In the Bible alone.

Hymn of the Month—copies are available on the table in the hallway. The King in All His Beauty

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages) Sunday Evening Study Women's Monday Theology Study Men's Thursday Bible Study Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Giving

General	Fund

2025 week 3/30	\$ 3,085
Giving YTD	\$ 232,290
YTD Budget	\$ 123,378

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 Jud & Jan Lamos, MTW Ghent

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

Staff

Music Director Matt Bundy Finance/Admin Holly Kisly

Ministry Support

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

10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. On Break 2:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Monthly 9:30 a.m.

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 4,345
2024 Rollover	\$ 2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$ 1,942

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

Deacons

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

Security Team

Today Next Week **Richard Parks** Bill Allbright

Greeters

Week

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Week

Orville & Audrey Ennis John & Jill deGrassie

Amber Pacana Lorelei Pacana Holly Kisly Brianna Sears