## First Presbyterian Church

Established 1988 PCA



## 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

First Presbyterian Church April 13, 2025

### 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

Praise him who comes, and is to come! Hosanna to the Father's mighty Son, here and in the highest. Praise him who once humbled himself in love to save our human race. Praise him for his Father's boundless grace! Who would not stop to see and wonder at how low your love bent down? A donkey once carried you here on earth. You, in your might and holiness! And in your pity of us, you serve and bless our fallen race. This day is joy-filled for all creation. My glad soul will sing a song of praise, and wave branches of thanksgiving that were once just palm branches, thrown in front of you by children. Now we own your hidden majesty, and we cry with those children: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Amen.

Ephraim the Syrian

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

### O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

- Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

## <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

\*Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

\*Hymn of Praise

Join All the Glorious Names

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Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r, That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore: All are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name: By thee the joyful news of our salvation came, The joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died; My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside: His pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide, And thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near thy side; Nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King, Thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing: Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet. Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

<sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

<sup>17</sup> And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Q. 23. What offices does Christ execute as our redeemer? Christ, as our redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king? Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Song of Confession

The King in All His Beauty

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O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal; Behold the Lord of majesty exalted in his temple, As symphonies of angels praise now strain to sound his glory. Come worship, fall before his grace the King in all his beauty.

> How worthy, how worthy, how worthy; The King in all his beauty.

Now see the King who wears a crown; one made of shame and splinters; The sacrifice for ruined man; the substitute for sinners, As earth is stained with royal blood, and quakes with love and fury. He breathes his last and bows his head; the King in all his beauty. (Chorus)

Now see the Savior lifted up; the Lamb who reigns in splendor, The hope of every tribe and tongue, his kingdom is forever! Bring praise and honor to his courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing. For endless ages we'll adore the King in all his beauty. (Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

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.

\*Song of Rejoicing

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode: On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove; Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near: Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am, Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name: Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show; Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Sermon

King Jesus Matthew 21:1-17

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 every 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

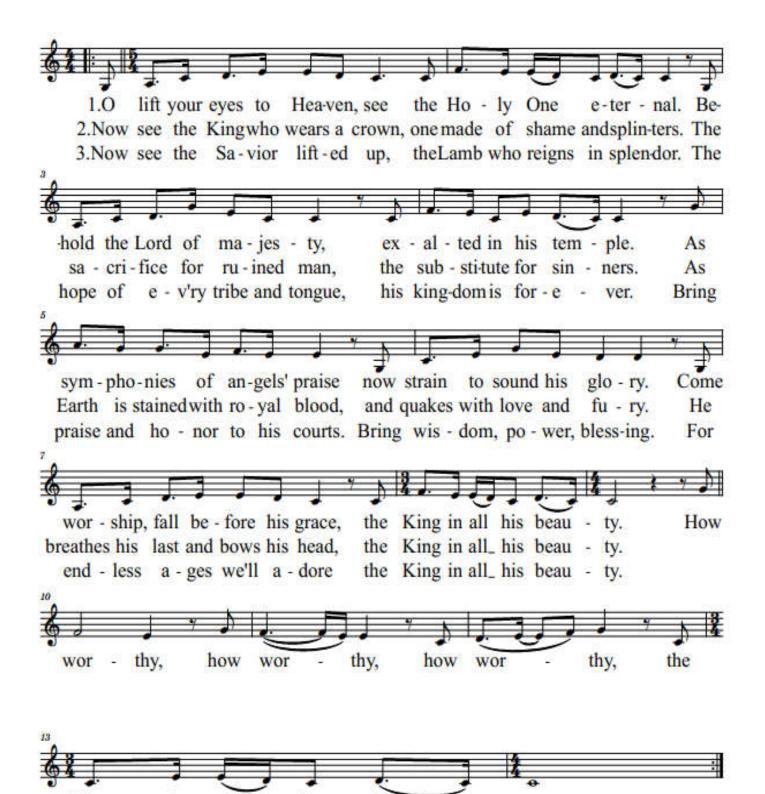
from Psalm 2:6 and 11-12

May God, who set his King on Zion, his holy hill, grant us grace to serve him with fear.

Teach us to rejoice with trembling, so that in the sweetness of our salvation we may kiss the Son, for his anger has been turned away, and his quickly kindled wrath satisfied in his Cross.

In this grace may we be blessed; we who take refuge in him. Amen.

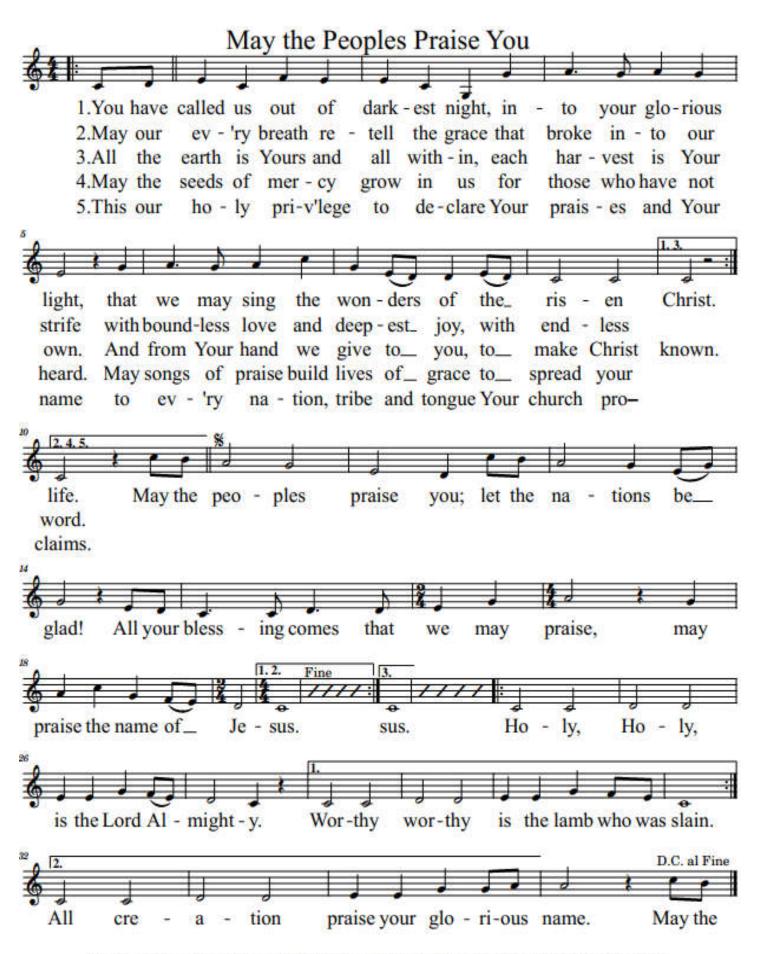
## The King In All His Beauty



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**Sermon Notes:** 

### News and Announcements

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

- 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.

Please sign the Trinity Hymnal, located in the hallway, by Sunday **April 20**, as we say goodbye to our dear brother and sister, Vince and Louise Grilley. Keep them in your prayers as they transition to their new home in Iowa.

The church office will be closed during Holy Week. Regular hours will resume Monday April 21.

Mark your calendars for a joint worship service on **May 11** at 4:55 CST/5:55 CST at Covenant Presbyterian in Oak Ridge.

There will not be a Men's Bible Study on Thursday, April 17.

# 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 32, April 6

Where do learn how to love and obey God?

In the Bible alone.

Week 33, April 13

Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?

They teach me what is pleasing to God, and how much I need a Savior.

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

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#### 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
Women's Tuesday Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

### Giving

General Fund Deacon's Fund

2025 week 3/30	\$ 6,870	2025 YTD Giving	\$ 6,120
Giving YTD	\$ 239,160	2024 Rollover	\$ 2,610
YTD Budget	\$ 132,868	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 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

### 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

#### Staff

Music Director Matt Bundy Finance/Admin Holly Kisly

### Security Team

Today Bill Allbright
Next Week Christian Ragle

### **Ministry Support**

Treasurer Bill Allbright
Newsletter Darlene Gendjar
Library Kathy Pipkin
Tachnalogy Specialists Matt Byndy Leff I

Technology Specialists Matt Bundy, Jeff Nichols,

Tom Buettner, Levi Powell,

Accompanists Matt Bundy, Robert Berman,

Scott Hewitt, Isabelle Aikens,

Diane Remillard, Aubrey Lewis, Next Week

Annalise Aikens

Sanctuary Flowers Sherry Hewitt

## Greeters

Today John & Jill deGrassie Next Week Greg & Lory Wood

### Nursery

Today Holly Kisly Brianna Sears

Hope Aikens

Sandy Reed