

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

“He is not here.” This is the only place of which it could be considered good news to say, Christ is not here. “Christ is here” was good news at Bethany, at Jericho, at Nain, at Capernaum, or on the Sea of Galilee; but “Christ is not here” is the good news from Joseph’s tomb.

Horatius Bonar

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Adoration

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

Glory be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain!
Glory be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the king of angels, glory to the Church's king,
Glory to the king of nations! Heaven and earth, your praises bring;
Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the King of glory bring!

"Glory, blessing, praise eternal!" thus the choir of angels sings;
"Honor, riches, power, dominion!" thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism
Question 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Song of Confession

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-11

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Song of Rejoicing

Glory to God, the Morn Appointed Breaks

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Glory to God! The morn appointed breaks, and earth awakes from all the woeful past;
For, with the morn, the Lord of Life awakes, and sin and death into the grave are cast.

Glory to God! The cross, with all its shame, now sheds its glory o'er a ransomed world;
For he who bore the burden of our blame, with pierced hands the foe to hell hath hurled.

Glory to God! Sing ransomed souls again, and let your songs our glorious victor laud,
Who by his might hath snapped the tyrant's chain, and set us free to rise with him to God.

Darkness and night, farewell! The morn is here; welcome! the light that ushers in the day;
Visions of joy before our sight appear, and like the clouds, our sorrows melt away.

Great Son of God, immortal and renowned! Brighter than morn the glory on thy brow;
Crowns must be won, and thou art nobly crowned, for death is dead, and sin is
vanquished now.

*Song of Response

See, What a Morning

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See, what a morning gloriously bright with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, born in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the man. For he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.

See, Mary weeping. "Where is he laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name. It's the Master, the Lord raised to Life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound 'til he appears. For he lives; Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him. Death is dead. Love has won. Christ has conquered.
And we will reign with him. For he lives; Christ is risen from the dead!

*Benediction

from 1 Corinthians 15:55 and 58

Death has been swallowed up in victory.
Death has lost its sting!

Therefore, beloved family of God, receive the grace of God
to be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. Amen.

Sermon Notes:

Glory Be to God the Father

Horatius Bonar, 1868

Gergory D. Wilbur, 2011

1. Glo-ry_ be to God the Fa - ther; glo - ry_
2. Glo-ry_ be to him who loved us, washed us_
3. Glo-ry_ to the King of an - gels; glo - ry_
4. "Glo-ry_ bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the_
be to God the Son; Glo - ry_ be to God the
from each spot and stain! Glo - ry_ be to him who
to the church's King; Glo - ry_ to the King of
choir of an-gels sings; "Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do
Spi - rit, Great Je - ho - vah, three in
bought us, made us kings with him to
na - tions! Heav'n and Earth, your prai - ses
min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion
one! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
reign! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
bring! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
brings! Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,
glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry, to the King of glo - ry bring!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of Kings!

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Glory to God, The Morn Appointed Breaks



1. Glo - ry to God! The morn ap - point-ed_ breaks, And
2. Glo - ry to God! The cross, with all it_ shame, now
3. Glo - ry to God! Sing, ran-somed souls, a - gain, and
4. Dark-ness and night, fare-well! the morn is_ here. Wel-
5. Great Son of God, im - mor - tal and re-nowned! Bright



earth a - wakes from all the woe - ful past; For,
sheds its glo - ry o'er a ransomed world. For
let your songs our glo - rious vic - tor laud. Who
come! the light that u - shers in the day! vi -
er than morn the glo - ry on Thy brow. Crowns



with the morn, the Lord of life a - wakes, and
he who bore the bur - den of our blame, with
by his might hath snapped the ty - rant's chain, and
sion of joy be - fore our sight ap - pear, and
must be won, and thou are no - bly_ crowned, for



sin and death in - to the grave are cast.
pier - ced hands the foe to hell hath hurled.
set us free to rise with him to God.
like the clouds, our sor - rows melt a - way.
death is dead, and sin is van - quished now.

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See, What a Morning

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2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the
dawning of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave clothes,
sor - row she turns from the emp ty tomb; hears a voice speak - ing,
spi - rit who clothes faith in cer - tain - ty; ho - nor and bless - ing,
tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce Christ is
call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
glo - ry and praise, to the King crowned with pow'r and au -
ri - sen. See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
life a gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
- tho - ri - ty. And we are raised to Him, death is
love, born in pain, paid in sa - cri - fice, ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered, and we shall
Christ, the man, for he lives, Christ is ri - sen from the dead!
he ap - pears, for he lives, Christ is ri - sen from the dead!
reign with him, for he lives, Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

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News and Announcements

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

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 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.

Week 34, April 20

Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?

No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.

What do the Ten Commandments teach?

To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.

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

The King in All His Beauty

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	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 4/13	\$ 10,240
Giving YTD	\$ 249,400
YTD Budget	\$ 142,359

Deacon’s Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 6,200
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
Jud & Jan Lamos, MTW Ghent

North America & Local

Plateau Pregnancy Services
Good Samaritans, 10th Street
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton
Myers Park Initiative, Greg Salazar
Christ Church Presbyterian, John Blevins
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	Christian Ragle
Next Week	Greg Wood

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin
Technology Specialists	Matt Bundy
Accompanists	Matt Bundy
Sanctuary Flowers	Sherry Hewitt

Greeters

Today	Keely R. & Brianna S.
Next Week	Mike & Beth McCrabb

Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Sandy Reed
Next Week	April Marion Laura Powell