

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

Lord Jesus, I am blind, be thou my light; ignorant, be thou my wisdom; self-willed, be thou my mind. Open my ear to grasp quickly thy Spirit's voice and delightfully run after his beckoning hand; melt my conscience that no hardness remain, make it alive to evil's slightest touch; when Satan approaches, may I flee to thy wounds, and there cease to tremble at all alarms. Be my good shepherd to lead me into the green pastures of thy Word, and cause me to lie down beside the rivers of its comforts.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-9

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³ Fire goes before him

and burns up his adversaries all around.

⁴ His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,

before the LORD of all the earth.

⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,

who make their boast in worthless idols;

worship him, all you gods!

⁸ Zion hears and is glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgments, O LORD.

⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

#103

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite, your vast domain; everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
While in essence only one; undivided God, we claim you,
And, adoring, bend the knee while we sing this mystery.

*Hymn of Praise

O Father, You Are Sovereign

#75

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose - our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's ev'ry knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 5.4

Of Providence

The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in his providence, that it extends itself even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and men; **and that not by a bare permission, but such as has joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding, and otherwise ordering, and governing of them,** in a manifold dispensation, to his own holy ends; **yet so, as the sinfulness [of angels and men] proceeds only from the creature, and not from God,** who, being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or approver of sin.

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:26-30

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How unsearchable are his ways!
How profound are his judgments, so high above our thoughts,
And his pathways, no man can trace.

For from him, and through him, and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever more! To him be glory forever!
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How magnificent are his ways!
Who has been his advisor? And who has counseled him?
All he gives us, who can repay? (Chorus)

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How immeasurable is his grace!
How unfailing his kindness, So far removed from wrath!
And his mercies are new each day! (Chorus)

Sermon

Meditations on Our Future Life
Titus 2:11-14

Pastor Andy Aikens

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue;
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in ev'ry station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heav'n, canst thou repine?

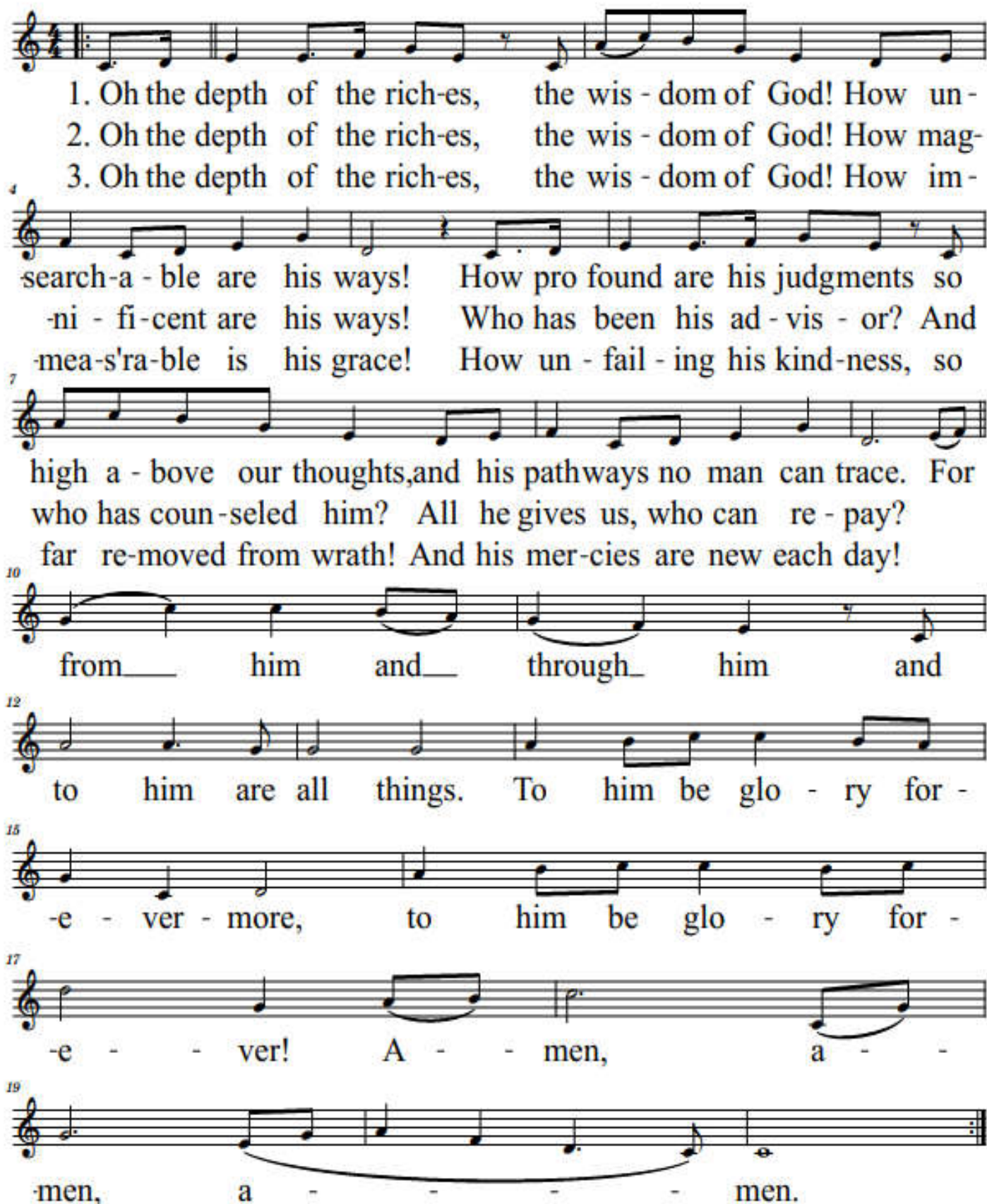
Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*Benediction

from Matthew 11:28-30 and John 10:28-29

Now, as you depart, take the yoke of Jesus upon you and learn from Him,
for He is gentle and humble of heart, that you might find in Him, rest for your souls.
For He has said, I give my sheep eternal life and they shall never perish;
no one can snatch you out of my hand.

Romans Doxology



1. Oh the depth of the rich-es, the wis - dom of God! How un -
2. Oh the depth of the rich-es, the wis - dom of God! How mag -
3. Oh the depth of the rich-es, the wis - dom of God! How im -

search-a - ble are his ways! How pro found are his judgments so
-ni - fi-cent are his ways! Who has been his ad - vis - or? And
-mea-s'ra-ble is his grace! How un - fail - ing his kind-ness, so

high a - bove our thoughts, and his pathways no man can trace. For
who has coun-seled him? All he gives us, who can re - pay?
far re-moved from wrath! And his mer-cies are new each day!

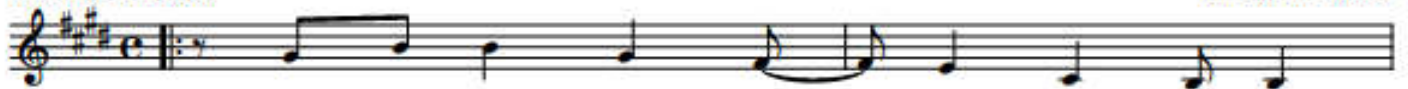
from him and through him and
to him are all things. To him be glo - ry for -
-e - ver - more, to him be glo - ry for -
-e - - ver! A - - men, a - -
men, a - - - - men.

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Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words by Henry Lyte

Mozart
(alt. by Bill Moore)



1. Je - sus I my cross__ have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise__ and leave me;
4. Soul then know thy full__ sal - va - tion,
5. Haste thee on from grace__ to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low thee. De - sti - tute, de - spised,
They have left my Sa - vior too. Hu - man hearts and looks__
Rise o'er sin and fear__ and care. Joy to find in e -
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. Heav'n's e - ter - nal days__



- for - sa - ken, Thou from hence my all__ shall be.
- de - ceive me, Thou art not like them__ un - true.
- very sta - tion, Some - thing still to do__ or bear.
9 - be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide__ us there.



Per - ish e - v'ry fond__ am - bi - tion,
Oh, while thou dost smile__ up - on__ me,
Think what Spi - rit dwells__ with - in__ thee,
11 Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,



All I've sought or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my__
God of wis - dom, love__ and might, Foes may hate and friends
Think what Fa - ther's smiles are thine. Think that Je - sus died__
14 Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days. Hope shall change to glad__



- con - di - tion, God and Heav'n are still__ my__ own.
- dis - own me, Show thy face and all__ is__ bright.
- to win thee, Child of heav'n canst thou__ re - pine?
- fru - i - tion, Faith to sight and prayer to__ praise.

Sermon Notes:

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.

Please check your church mailbox for the FPC April 2025 Directory.

Plans are, at this time, to hold children and adult Sunday School in the Christian Education Center, beginning **May 4**. An email will be sent if there are any changes.

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 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.

Week 35, April 27

What is the first commandment?

You shall have no other gods before Me.

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 Worship
Women’s Monday Theology Study
Men’s Thursday Bible Study
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch
Women’s Tuesday Bible Study

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

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 4/20	\$ 5,915
Giving YTD	\$ 255,315
YTD Budget	\$ 151,849

Deacon’s Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 6,320
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
John Reed ‘26
Mike Tuuk ‘27

Staff

Music/Sound Director	Matt Bundy
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

Security Team

Today	Greg Wood
Next Week	Cecil Smith

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Mike & Beth McCrabb
Next Week	Mike & Nancy Tuuk

Nursery

Today	April Marion Laura Powell
Next Week	Isabelle Aikens Pam Lauver