

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

My Dear Lord, I depend wholly upon you; wean me from all other dependences. You are my all; you rule over all and delight in me. You are the foundation of goodness; how can I not trust you? How can I be anxious about what happens to me? In the light of your worth, the world and all its enjoyments are infinitely poor: I value the favor of men no more than pebbles. Amid the blessings I receive from you, may I never lose the heart of an exile. May I love you, my benefactor in all benefits, not forgetting that my greatest danger arises from my advantages.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-8

- I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;

Praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;

Praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.

Praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

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 ev'ry 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)

The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear, the sound preaching and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God, **with understanding, faith, and reverence, singing of psalms with grace in the heart;** as also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ, are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: **beside religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions, which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the truth of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail— let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Sermon

Gospel Use of God's Good Creation
Psalm 104 [v. 14-15]; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Pastor Andy Aikens

*Song of Preparation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

p.10 vv.1-3

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: he the perfect Son of Man,
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

p.10 v.4

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord! He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance! How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

*Benediction

from 1 Timothy 6:11-13

May God, who gives life to everything,
and our gracious Savior, who bought you with his precious blood,
now empower you to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.
May you fight the good fight of the faith so that his name is exalted
and you make take hold of the eternal life to which you were called,
for his glory alone. Amen.

The King In All His Beauty



1. O lift your eyes to Hea-ven, see the Ho - ly One e - ter - nal. Be-
 2. Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters. The
 3. Now see the Sa - vior lift - ed up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor. The



hold the Lord of ma - jes - ty, ex - al - ted in his tem - ple. As
 sa - cri - fice for ru - ined man, the sub - sti - tute for sin - ners. As
 hope of e - v'ry tribe and tongue, his king - dom is for - e - ver. Bring



sym - pho - nies of an - gels praise now strain to sound his glo - ry. Come
 Earth is stained with ro - yal blood, and quakes with love and fu - ry. He
 praise and ho - nor to his courts. Bring wis - dom, po - wer, bless - ing. For



wor - ship, fall be - fore his grace, the King in all his beau - ty. How
 breathes his last and bows his head, the King in all his beau - ty.
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Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you_ to re -

2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly

3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds. Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it

re - ve - rence true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our

grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths un - changed from the

deep in us: shape and fash - ion us_ in your like - ness. That the

at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our

dawn of time that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our

faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your maj -

grace, we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, and by

acts of love and our deeds of_ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -

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faith, we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your

- fill in us_ all your pur - poses_ for your glo - ry.

ne - ver fail: let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

church is built and the earth is filled with your glor - ry.

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be-hold the wondrous mys-t'ry in the dawn-ing of the
 2. Come be-hold the wondrous mys-t'ry: he the per-fect Son of
 3. Come be-hold the wondrous mys-t'ry: Christ the Lord up-on the
 4. Come be-hold the wondrous mys-t'ry: slain by death, the God of



King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in
 Man, in his liv-ing, in his suff'-ring, ne-ver
 tree. In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the
 life. But no grave could e'er re-strain him; praise the



frail hu-man-i-ty. In our long-ing, in our
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet-ter
 Lamb in vic-to-ry! See the price of our re-
 Lord! He is a-live! What a fore-taste of de-



dark-ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
 A-dam, come to save the hell-bound man, Christ the
 demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold, bring-ing
 liv'-rance! How un-wav-er-ing our hope! Christ in



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Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
 great and sure full-fill-ment of the law in him we stand.
 ma-ny sons to glo-ry: grace un-measured, love un-told!
 po-wer re-sur-rect-ed, as we will be when he comes.

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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.

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

The Fellowship Lunch is scheduled for **June 21**. Signup sheets will be coming soon.

A women's book study of *The Good News We Almost Forgot: Rediscovering the Gospel in a 16th Century Catechism* by Kevin DeYoung begins Thursday, **June 12**, 6-7 p.m. at Sasha Graham's house. The cost is \$10. There is a signup sheet in the hallway.

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 35, April 27

What is the first commandment?

You shall have no other gods before Me.

Week 36, May 4

What is the second commandment?

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

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 4/27	\$ 24,285
Giving YTD	\$ 279,600
YTD Budget	\$ 161,340

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
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Security Team

Today	Cecil Smith
Next Week	Bob Kalb

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Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Mike & Nancy Tuuk
Next Week	Tim & Anna Grimes

Nursery

Today	April Marion Pam Lauver
Next Week	Jenae Larson Keely Ragle