

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 lover of the loveless, it is your will that I should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and my neighbor as myself. But I am not sufficient for these things. There is by nature no pure love in my soul; every affection in me is turned from you; I am bound, a slave to lust, I cannot love you, lovely as you are, until you set me free. By grace I am your freeman and would serve you, for I believe you are my God in Jesus, and that through him I am redeemed, and my sins are forgiven.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

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

⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Prayer of Adoration

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to you is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
His wrath is ever slow to rise, and ready to abate.
He pardons all your sins; prolongs your feeble breath;
He heals all your infirmities, and ransoms you from death.

He clothes you with his love; upholds you with his truth;
And like the eagle he renews the vigor of your youth.
Then bless his holy Name, whose grace has made you whole,
Whose lovingkindness crowns your days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
Strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
And ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 19.6

Of the Law of God

Although true believers be not under the law, as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified, or condemned; **yet is it of great use to them, as well as to others;** in that, as a rule of life informing them of the will of God, and their duty, **it directs and binds them to walk accordingly;** discovering also the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives; so as, examining themselves thereby, **they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against sin,** together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and the perfection of his obedience. It is likewise of use to the regenerate, to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin...

I need thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

I need thee, O I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee ev'ry hour; teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

*Song of Rejoicing

Grace Unmeasured, Vast and Free

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Grace unmeasured, vast and free, that knew me from eternity,
That called me out before my birth to bring you glory on this earth.
Grace amazing, pure and deep, that saw me in my misery,
That took my curse and owned my blame so I could bear your righteous name.

Grace, grace, grace paid for my sins and brought me to life.
Grace, grace, grace clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.
Grace, grace, grace will lead me to heav'n where I'll see your face
And never cease to thank you for your grace.

Grace abounding, strong and true that makes me long to be like you,
That turns me from my selfish pride to love the cross on which you died.
Grace unending, all my days, you'll give me strength to run this race,
And when my years on earth are through, the praise will all belong to you.

*Song of Response

Oh, How Good It Is

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Oh, how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of his presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Til the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn,
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging. (Chorus)

Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another; forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Chorus)

*Benediction

from John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
By this all people will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

And now may you go in the love of Christ,
loving one another, so that those who see you
may know that you are his disciples.

Semon Notes:

Introduction

Because of Christ

Through Christ

In Christ

Life Application

Conclusion

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Psalm 103

Gregory Wilbur

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you pro-
2. He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience
3. He clothes you with his love; up-holds you with his

claim! And all that is with - in me join to
wait; his wrath is e - ver slow to rise, and
truth; and like the ea - gle he re - news the

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bless his ho - ly Name! O bless the Lord, my
read - y to___ a - bate. He par - dons all your
vi - gor of___ your youth. Then bless his ho - ly

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soul! His mer - cies bear___ in mind! For -
sins; pro - longs your fee - ble breath; he
Name, whose grace has made___ you whole, whose

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get not all his___ be - ne - fits! The
heals all your in - firm - i - ties, and
lov - ing - kind - ness___ crowns your days! O

15
Lord to you___ is kind.
ran - - soms you___ from death.
bless the Lord,___ my soul!

Grace Unmeasured, Vast and Free

1. Grace un-meas - ured, vast and free, that knew me from e -
 2. Grace a-bound - ing, strong and true that makes me long to

ter - ni - ty, that called me out be - fore my birth to
 be like you, that turns me from my self - ish pride to

bring you glo - ry on this earth.
 love the cross on which you died.

Grace a - maz - ing, pure and deep, that saw me in my
 Grace un - end - ing, all my days, you'll give me strength to

mis - er - y, that took my curse and owned my blame so
 run this race, and when my years on earth are through, the

I could bear your right - eous name.
 praise will all be - long to you.

Grace, grace, grace paid for my_ sins and brought me to_
 life. Grace, grace, grace clothes me with_
 pow'r to do what is right_ Grace, grace,
 grace will lead me to_ heav'n where I'll see your face and
 ne - ver cease to thank you for your grace.

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Oh, How Good It Is

1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
3. Oh, how good it is to em brace his com mand to pre -

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- joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn, for the
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fer one a - no - ther; for - give as he for - gives. When we
bonds of peace of ac - cep - tance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we
14
live as one we all share in the love of the
fruit of his pre - sence here a - mong us. So
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
18
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit.
with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and
22
with one heart we'll live out his word till the
26
whole earth sees the Re - dee - mer has come for he
30
dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.

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News and Announcements

Tonight is the joint worship service at 4:55 CST/5:55 EST at Covenant Presbyterian in Oak Ridge.

Baby Bottles Change Lives! You will be able to pick up baby bottles for the Plateau Pregnancy Services fundraiser beginning today, Mother's Day, **May 11**. Please take your baby bottles home and fill them with your change and dollars (checks should be made out to Plateau Pregnancy Services). Please return baby bottles by Father's Day, **June 15**. Baby bottles can change lives!

The Fellowship Lunch is scheduled for **June 22**. 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 36, May 4

What is the second commandment?

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

Week 37, May 11

What is the third commandment?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Hym of the Month—copies are on the back table

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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 5*/4	\$ 9,030
Giving YTD	\$ 288,630
YTD Budget	\$ 170,830

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 6,645
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	Bob Kalb
Next Week	Dan Dolan

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Tim & Anna Grimes
Next Week	Le Voss

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Keely Ragle
Next Week	Reba Norris Amber Pacana