

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

We commune with you every day, but week days are worldly days, and secular concerns reduce heavenly impressions. We bless you therefore for the day sacred to our souls when we can wait upon you and be refreshed; we thank you for the institutions of religion by use of which we draw near to you and you to us; we rejoice in another Lord's Day when we call off our minds from the cares of the world and attend upon you without distraction; let our retirement be devout, our conversations edifying, our reading pious, our hearing profitable, that our souls be quickened and elevated.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-10

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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

⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Praise the Lord! Ye Heaven's Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne;
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

*Hymn of Praise

Christ is Our Cornerstone

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Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
With his true saints alone the courts of Heav'n are filled;
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here may we gain from heav'n, the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore,
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

*Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 16.1 and 16.2
Of Good Works

1. **Good works are only such as God has commanded in his holy Word**, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men, out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention.
2. **These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith:** and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, **whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.**

Song of Confession

Franklin Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:18-21

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like you there is no other.; true delight is found in you alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom. Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, my highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise.
My joy when trials are abounding, your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on your shoulders. In my place, you suffered, bled, and died.
You rose; the grave and death are conquered! You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to your name.
May all my days bring glory to your name.

Sermon

The Day with Others
Psalm 122

Pastor Andy Aikens

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

*Benediction

based on Ephesians 2:4-5,10

Now because of the great love with which God loved us,
that makes us alive together with Christ,
may you walk in grace and do the good works
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sermon Notes: Life Together Part 2
The Day with Others - Under the Word

Psalm 122

Introduction

Reading the Scripture

Singing the New Song

Praying Together

Fellowship of the Table

Life Application

Conclusion

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1. Christ is our cor - ner - stone, _____
2. O then with hymns of praise _____
3. Here may we gain from heav'n _____

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on him a - lone we _____ build; _____ with
these hal - lowed courts shall ring; _____ our _____
9 the grace which we im - plore, _____ and _____

his true saints _____ a - lone _____ the _____
voi - ces we _____ will raise _____ the _____
13 may that grace, _____ once giv'n, _____ be _____

courts of Heav'n _____ are filled, _____ on _____
Three in One _____ to sing; _____ and _____
17 with us e - - ver - more, _____ un -

his great love _____ our hopes we place
thus pro - claim _____ in joy - ful song
-til that day _____ when all the blest

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of pres - ent grace and joys a - - bove.
both loud and long, that glo - ri - ous name.
to end - less rest are called a - - way.

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O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

1. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeem - er, great - est
2. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeem - er, strong de -
3. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeem - er, gra - c'ous

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treasure of my long-ing soul, my God, like you there is no
fend - er of my wea-ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de-
7 Sa - vior of my ru-ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your
8 oth - er; true de - light is found in you a -
9 cei - ver and my shield a - gainst his hate - ful
should - ers. In my place, you suf - fered, bled, and
10 lone. Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om. Your
11 darts. My song when e - ne-mies sur-round me, my
died. You rose; the grave and death are con - quered! You
12 love ex - ceeds the heav-ens' reach. Your truth, a fount of per-fect
hope when tides of sor-row rise. My joy when tri - als are a -
broke my bonds of sin and shame. O Lord, my Rock and my Re
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wis - dom, my high - est good and my un - end - ing need.
bound - ing, your faith - ful - ness, my re - fuge in the night.
deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

By Nathan Stiff ©2017 Sovereign Grace Worship

News and Announcements

The Library Open House is scheduled for Sunday, **May 25**, after the worship service. Watch for additional dates. All participants will receive a tour of the library, checkout instructions, and a personalized First Presbyterian Church library card. If you borrowed books before the check out process was finalized, bring them to the Open House to officially check them out yourself!

Baby Bottles Change Lives! Pick up baby bottles for the Plateau Pregnancy Services fundraiser from the table in the hallway. Please take your baby bottles home and fill them with your change and dollars (checks should be made out to Plateau Pregnancy Services). Return baby bottles by Father's Day, **June 15**.

The Fellowship Lunch is scheduled for **June 22**. Signup sheets are in the hallway.

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 37, May 11

What is the third commandment?

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

Week 38, May 18

What is the fourth commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Hymn 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 5/11	\$ 10,565
Giving YTD	\$ 299,195
YTD Budget	\$ 180,321

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 6,730
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	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Bill Allbright

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Le Voss
Next Week	Chris & Laura Powell

Nursery

Today	Reba Norris Amber Pacana
Next Week	Hope Aikens Holly Kisly