

# 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

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” [...] It is not simply to be taken for granted that the Christian has the privilege of living among other Christians. Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end all his disciples deserted him. On the Cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the thick of foes. There is his commission, his work. [...] So between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by a gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in visible fellowship with other Christians.”

*Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10-21

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

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup> You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.

<sup>20</sup> The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

## Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

\*Hymn of Praise

Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

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Thank and praise Jehovah's name; for his mercies, firm and sure,  
From eternity the same to eternity endure.

Praise him, ye who know his love; Praise him from the depths beneath;  
Praise him in the heights above; Praise your Maker all that breathe.

Let the ransomed thus rejoice, gathered out of ev'ry land,  
As the people of his choice, plucked from the destroyer's hand. (Chorus)

For his truth and mercy stand, past, and present, and to be,  
Like the years of his right hand, like his own eternity. (Chorus)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Q. 48. How did Christ humble himself in his life?

**Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.**

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be.  
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.

With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise,  
And expectant, I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art holy, O my God, thou delightest not in sin;  
Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.

In the fullness of thy grace, to thy house I will repair;  
Bowing toward thy holy place, lost in love I worship there.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

James 4:8-10

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sin and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged: take it to God in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Sermon

The Day Alone  
Mark 1:35; 6:46; and Luke 22:39

Pastor Andy Aikens

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

## \*Benediction

*from Psalm 90:14, 16-17*

May God satisfy you with his steadfast love  
and make you glad throughout all your days;  
may he show you his work and glorious power,  
and may his favor be upon you  
and establish the work of your hands

# Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

Psalm 146

1. Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name; for his  
2. Let the ran - somed thus re - joice, ga - thered  
3. For his truth and mer - cy stand, past and

mer - cies, firm and sure, from e -  
out of e - v'ry land, as the  
pre - sent, and to be, like the

ter - ni - ty the same to e -  
peo - ple of his choice, plucked from  
years of his right hand, like his

ter - ni - ty en - dure. Praise him,  
the de - stroy - er's hand.  
own e - ter - ni - ty.

ye who know his love; praise him  
from the depths be - neath; praise him  
in the heights a - bove; praise your

ma - ker all that breathe.

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# Hear My Words

## Psalm 5



1. Hear\_\_ my words, O gra - cious Lord,  
2. With\_\_ the morn - ing light, O Lord,  
3. Thou\_\_ art ho - ly, O my God.  
4. In\_\_ the full - ness of thy grace,



To my thoughts, at - tent - ive be;  
thou shalt hear\_\_ my voice a - rise,  
Thou de - light - est not in sin.  
to thy house\_\_ I will re - pair;



Hear my cry, my King, my God,  
and ex - pec - tant I will bring  
E - vil shall not dwell with thee,  
bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place,



I\_\_ will make\_\_ my prayer to thee.  
pray - er as morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
nor\_\_ the proud thy fa - vor win.  
lost\_\_ in love\_\_ I wor - ship there.

Sermon Notes:  
Life Together Part 3  
The Day Alone  
Mark 1:35; 6:46; and Luke 22:39

Introduction

Silence and Solitude

Meditation—The Word as substance

Prayer

Intercession

Conclusion

## News and Announcements

Come to the Library Open House after today's worship service. Watch for additional dates if you are unable to attend. 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!

Please be praying for God-glorifying input and conversation, healthy interactions, and safe travels to and from camp for 6 teenagers, parents, and staff at Ridge Haven from **June 2-7**.

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.

### 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 38, May 18

What is the fourth commandment?

**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Week 39, May 25

What is the fifth commandment?

**Honor your father and your mother.**

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. On Break

## Giving

### General Fund

2025 week 5/11	\$ 10,670
Giving YTD	\$ 309,865
YTD Budget	\$ 189,812

### 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
Calvin Fellow	Noah Aikens

## Security Team

Today	Bill Allbright
Next Week	Kevin Wyson

## Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

## Greeters

Today	Chris & Laura Powell
Next Week	Herb & Judy V.

## Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Holly Kisly
Next Week	Sandy Reed Brianna Sears