

# 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 Son of God and Son of Man, you were incarnate, did suffer, rise, ascend for my sake; your departure was not a token of separation but a pledge of return; your Word, promises, sacraments, show your death until you come again. That day is no horror to me, for your death has redeemed me, your Spirit fills me, your love animates me, your Word governs me. I have trusted you, and you have not betrayed my trust; waited for you, and not waited in vain. You will come to raise my body from the dust, and re-unite it to my soul, by a wonderful work of infinite power and love, greater than that which bounds the oceans' waters, ebbs and flows the tides, keeps the stars in their courses, and gives life to all creatures.

*The Valley of Vision*

Call to Worship

Psalm 110

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

<sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely

on the day of your power, in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations,

filling them with corpses;

he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

<sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook by the way;

therefore he will lift up his head.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Praise

Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise  
Psalm 113

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Hallelujah! Raise, O raise to our God the song of praise.  
All his servants join to sing God our Savior and our King.  
Blessed be forevermore that dread name which we adore.  
Round the world, his praise be sung through all lands in ev'ry tongue.

O'er all nations, God alone, higher than the heav'ns his throne.  
Who is like to God Most High, infinite in majesty?  
Yet to view the heav'ns he bends, Yea, to Earth he condescends,  
Passing by the rich and great, for the low and desolate.

He can raise the poor to stand with the princes of the land,  
Wealth upon the needy show'r; set him with the high in pow'r.  
He the broken spirit cheers, turns to joy the mourner's tears.  
Such the wonders of his ways. Praise his name; forever praise!

\*Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup> And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup> And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup> Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father.  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven;  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
and ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

O praise the Father, praise the Son, the Lamb for sinners given,  
And Holy Spirit, through whom alone our hearts are raised to Heaven.

\*Assurance of Pardon

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

\*Song of Rejoicing

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

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Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done; they bid my fears depart.

To whom, save thee who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, can heal my bruised soul,  
Thy stripes not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole. (Chorus)

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load  
Of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God. (Chorus)

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few. (Chorus)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:  
No righteousness avails save that which is of thee. (Chorus)

Sermon

Jesus' Ascension, the Prerequisite of Pentecost  
Acts 1:1-11

Pastor Dennis Johnson

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

# Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise

Psalm 113

1. Hal - le - lu - jah! Raise, O\_\_raise to our God the  
2. O'er all na-tions, God a - lone, high - er than the  
3. He can raise the poor to\_\_stand with the prin - ces

4  
song of praise. All his ser - vants, join to\_\_ sing  
heav'n's his throne. Who is like to God Most High  
7 of the land, wealth up - on the need - y\_\_ show'r,  
God our Sav - ior and our King. Bless - ed be for -  
in - fin - ite in maj - es - ty? Yet to view the  
10 set him with the high in pow'r. He the bro - ken  
- e - ver - more that great name which we a - dore.  
heav'n's he bends, Yea, to Earth he con - de - scends,  
13 spi - rit cheers, turns to joy the mourn - er's tears.  
Round the world, his praise be\_\_ sung  
pass - ing by the rich\_\_ and\_\_ great,  
15 Such the won - ders of\_\_ his\_\_ ways.  
through all lands in e - - v'ry tongue.  
for the low and de - - so - late.  
Praise his name; for - e - - ver praise!

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words placed between notes and others below the staff. There are measure numbers 4, 7, 10, 13, and 15 indicated on the left side of the staff.

Noah Aikens



# Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Horatius Bonar

Gregory Wilbur

1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
5. Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ,  
speak glad - ness to this heart;  
can heal my bruise - ed soul.  
has borne the aw - ful load  
has paid the ran - som due;  
a - lone can co - ver me.  
they tell me all is  
Thy stripes, not mine, con -  
of sins that none could  
ten thou - sand deaths like  
no right - eous - ness a -  
done, they bid my fear de - part. To  
tain the balm that makes me whole.  
bear but the in - car - nate God.  
mine would have been all too few.  
vails save that which is of thee.  
whom save thee who canst a - lone for  
sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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**Sermon Notes:**

## News and Announcements

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 40, June 1

What is the sixth commandment?

**You shall not murder.**

Week 41, June 8

What is the seventh commandment?

**You shall not commit adultery.**

Hymn of the Month—copies are on the back table

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

## 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 6/1	\$ 10,235
Giving YTD	\$ 324,430
YTD Budget	\$ 199,302

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 7,245
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	Orville Ennis
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

## Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

## Greeters

Today	David & Karen Phillips
Next Week	Holly Kisly

## Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Keely Ragle
Next Week	Isabelle Aikens Amber Pacana