

First Presbyterian Church

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Departure of the Israelites from Egypt by David Roberts 1830

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

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to worship the Triune God with us. Our prayer is that we will delight to:

Glorify God in all things
Trust Him for all things
Proclaim Him as King over all things
So that we might love God and Others through all things

Our worship begins with God calling us into worship from His Word. We respond in Adoration and praise.

We then hear our God speak to us in His Word, profess our faith in Him, confessing our sins to Him, and hearing His assurance of our pardon by the work of Christ.

This leads to a response of rejoicing as we prepare to hear the Word of God preached. Our church practices expository preaching. This means that the Bible determines the content of the messages. The messages “come out of” the text. Ordinarily, we preach through books of the Bible. Currently, we are working our way through Exodus.

In the book of Exodus we see the invisible hand of God leading God’s people out of their sin and slavery into the promised land where they can worship Him according to the instructions He gives. We are always looking for how these stories and instructions point us to Christ and the gospel empowered way to live.

Our Elders have been praying for you. May you encounter God today through His Word and by the presence of His Spirit.

Warmly,
Pastor Andy

Order of Worship

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 God most high, most glorious, the thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled and distressed, but you are forever at perfect peace. Your designs cause you no fear or care of unfulfilment, they stand fast as the eternal hills. Your power knows no bond, your goodness no stint. You bring order out of confusion, and my defeats are your victories: the Lord God omnipotent reigns. I come to you as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to you, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls.

Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the LORD of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Hymn of Praise — Give to Our God Immortal Praise

1. Give to our God im - mor - tal — praise;
 2. Give to the Lord of — lords re - nown;
 3. He built the earth he — spread the — sky,
 4. He fills the sun with — morn - ing — light;
 5. He sent his Son with — pow'r to — save
 6. Through this vain world he — guides our — feet,

mer - cy and truth are all his ways:
 the King of kings with glo - ry crown:
 and fixed the star - ry lights on high:
 he bids the moon di - rect the night:
 from guilt and dark - ness and the grave:
 and leads us to his hea - v'nly seat:

won - ders of grace — to — God — be - long;
 his mer - cies e - ver — shall — en - dure;
 wond - ers of grace — to — God — be - long;
 his mer - cies ev - er — shall — en - dure;
 won - ders of grace — to — God — be - long;
 his mer - cies ev - er — shall — en - dure;

re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 when lords and kings are known no more.
 re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 when suns and moons shall shine no more.
 re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 when this vain world shall be no more.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — I Greet Thee, Who my Sure Redeemer Art

1. I greet thee, who my sure - re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,
 5. Our hope is in no o - ther save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sa - vior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in e - v'ry place:
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness:
 our faith is built up - on thy pro - mise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 O com - fort us in death's ap - proach - ing hour,
 make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
 O grant to us such strong - er hope and sure

I pray Thee, from our hearts all
 shine on us with the light of
 strong - heart - ed then to face it
 and e - ver stay in thy sweet
 that we can bold - ly con - quer

cares to take.
 thy pure day.
 by thy pow'r.
 u - ni - ty.
 and en - dure.

Scripture Reading — Acts 7:17-29

“But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt ¹⁸ until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. ¹⁹ He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. ²⁰ At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, ²¹ and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. ²² And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

²³ “When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. ²⁴ And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. ²⁵ He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. ²⁶ And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’ ²⁷ But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’ ²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ ²⁹ At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

Profession of Faith — John 1:1-5, 9-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹ **The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

¹⁴ **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.**

Song of Confession — Hear My Prayer, Psalm 86



1. Hear my prayer O Lord, and answer me. I am poor and need-y.

2. You O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my pray-er.



Save my life, for You are the on-ly God. For to you I cry
Teach your way, so that I may walk in your truth. Fix my heart to fear you.



You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy, gra-cious are you, O God.



Slow to an-ger, a-bound-ing in faith-ful-ness, turn to me, de-



-liv-er me. Save me in your love.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Grace Unmeasured



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

called me out be-fore my birth to bring you glo-ry on this earth.
turns me from my self-ish pride to love the cross on which you died.

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

took my curse and owned my blame so I could bear your right-eous name.
when my years on earth are through, the 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.

Song of Response — Give Thanks to God the Lord

1. Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on his name now call. Make
 2. Look to the Lord's great strength; re - mem - ber all his deeds. His
 3. Sing to the Lord, all earth; his sav - ing po'r pro - claim. De -
 4. Give thanks to God the Lord; his good - ness now de - clare. He

known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what he has done for all. Sing
 judg - ments are in all of the earth; he is the Lord in - deed. His
 - clare his glo - ry to v'ry race; his marv' - lous deeds now name. For
 saves, de - liv - ers from e - v'ry foe; his love en - dures for - e'er. Give

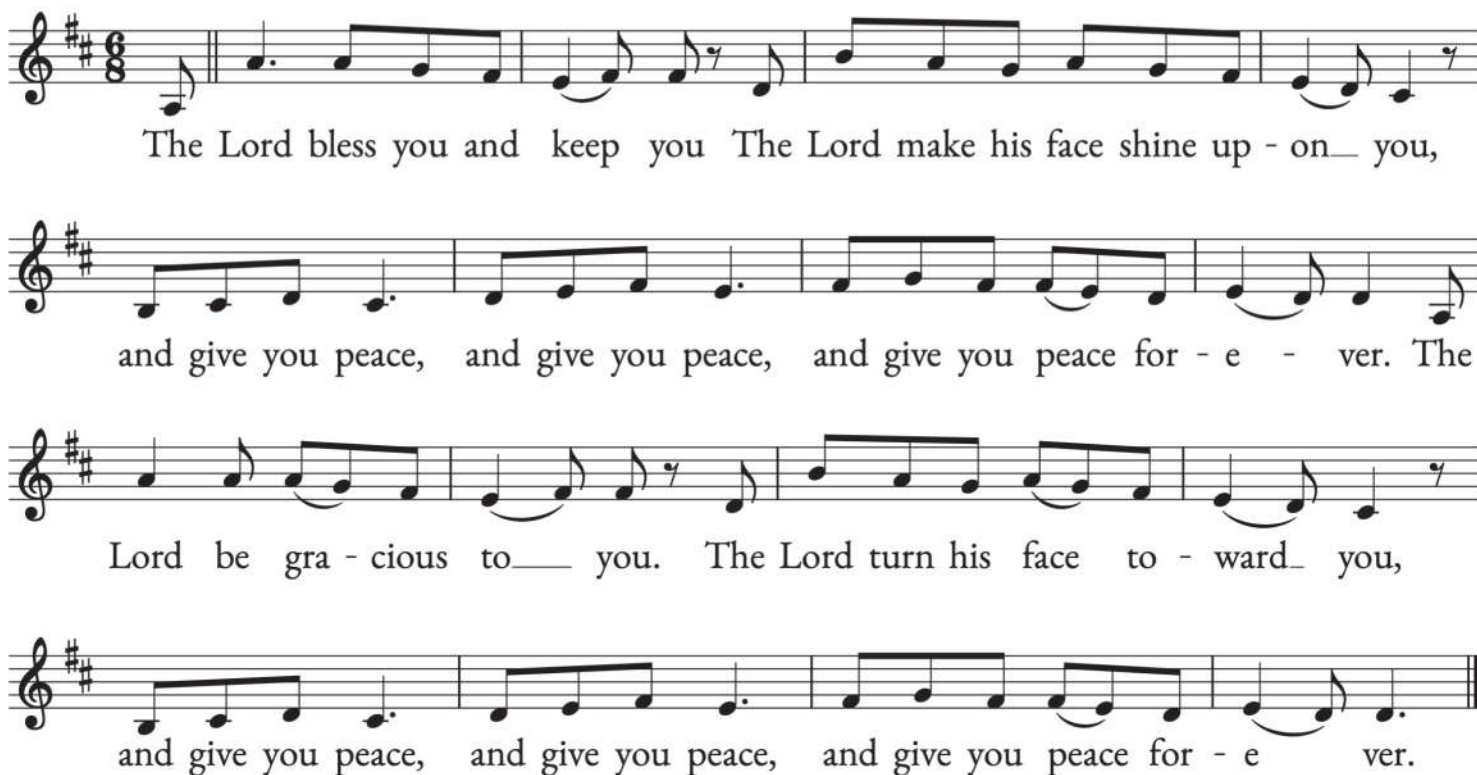
praise to him, now sing; his won - drous acts pro - claim. Re -
 cov - erant e'er will stand; his oath he'll ne'er for - get. A
 great is God the Lord, most worth - y of all praise. He
 thanks un - to his Name and glo - ry in his praise; Praise

- joyce, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in his name.
 thou - sand gen - er - a - tions pass; God's word con - tin - ues yet.
 made the heav - ens and the earth; fear him and give him praise.
 to the God of Is - ra - el for ev - er - last - ing days.

Benediction — Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Song of Response — Barocha



The Lord bless you and keep you The Lord make his face shine up - on_ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - e - ver. The
Lord be gra - cious to_ you. The Lord turn his face to - ward_ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - e ver.

News and Announcements

The next New Members Class is meeting on Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Pastor Andy for more information.

The women in the church are invited to meet for prayer and fellowship on August 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 1 in the church building. Contact April Marion for additional information.

The Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, July 26, at 8 a.m. A sign up sheet is in the hallway. If you can assist in the kitchen, contact Tim Grimes

First Catechism (for children of all ages)

Weeks 1-5 God
Weeks 6-12 Creation
Weeks 13-19 Fall/Sin
Weeks 20-28 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 47, July 20

How many sacraments are there?

Two.

What are they?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Hymn of the Month—copies are on the back table
Christ is Mine Forevermore

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 7/13	\$ 6,101
Giving YTD	\$ 355,546
YTD Budget	\$ 265,736

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 7,705
2024 Rollover	\$ 2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$ 2,142

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	Cecil Smith

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Jim & Carol Sparks
Next Week	Forrest & April Marion

Nursery

Today	Isabelle Aikens Amber Pacana
Next Week	Laura Powell Keely Ragle