

# 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 27:8

You have said, "Seek my face."  
**My heart says to you, "your face, LORD, do I seek."**

### Preparation for Worship

Life-giving God, quicken me to call upon your name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving, and only your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach you as Father and friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in you as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my savior.

*The Valley of Vision*

### Call to Worship

Psalm 68:1-6

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

## Hymn of Praise — A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark ne - ver  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with de - vil's filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 - do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 - bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe: his craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill: God's

armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - e - ver.

## Prayer of Adoration



## Hymn of Praise — Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!

2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich

3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from

4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; Cre -

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own: a -

wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no

pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: his

- a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all

- wake my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and

an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but

reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet fair

hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou has died for me: thy

hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.

down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at my - ste - ries so bright.

flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.

praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Scripture Reading — John 8:48-59

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

## Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 2.3

**In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

## Song of Confession — Only a Holy God

1. Who else com - mands all the host of heav - en?  
4. Who else can res - cue me from my fail - ing?

Who else could make e - v'ry king bow down?  
Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son?

Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles?  
Who else in - vites me to call him Fa - ther?

1. On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
On - ly a Ho - ly God.

2. On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
On - ly a Ho - ly God.

Come and be - hold him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out sing  
ho - ly, for - e - ver a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

### Pastoral Prayer of Confession

You, O LORD, are our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? You are the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid? One thing we ask of you our LORD, that will we seek after:

**That we may dwell in your house, all the days of our life, so that we may gaze upon your beauty, O LORD, and to inquire in your temple.**

Hear, O LORD, when we cry aloud; be gracious to us and answer us!

**You have said, “Seek my face.” Our hearts say to you, “your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

Hide not your face from us. Turn not your servants away in anger, O you who have been our help.

**Do not cast us off, nor forsake us, O God of our salvation!**

## 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, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> 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.

## Hymn of Rejoicing — To God be the Glory

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done, so loved he the  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To e - v'ry be -  
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -  
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
- liev - er the pro - mise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
- joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and  
- tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in. Praise the  
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - cieves.  
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.  
Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the  
Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'  
Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!



## Song of Response – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics for the first staff are: 1.Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in; 2.Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor; 3.Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine. The second staff continues the lyrics: light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most; want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy; an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight, all. The third staff continues: bless - ed most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -; ju - stice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy; praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis. The fourth staff concludes the song: -might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.; clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.; on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee! The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1.Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in  
2.Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor  
3.Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine

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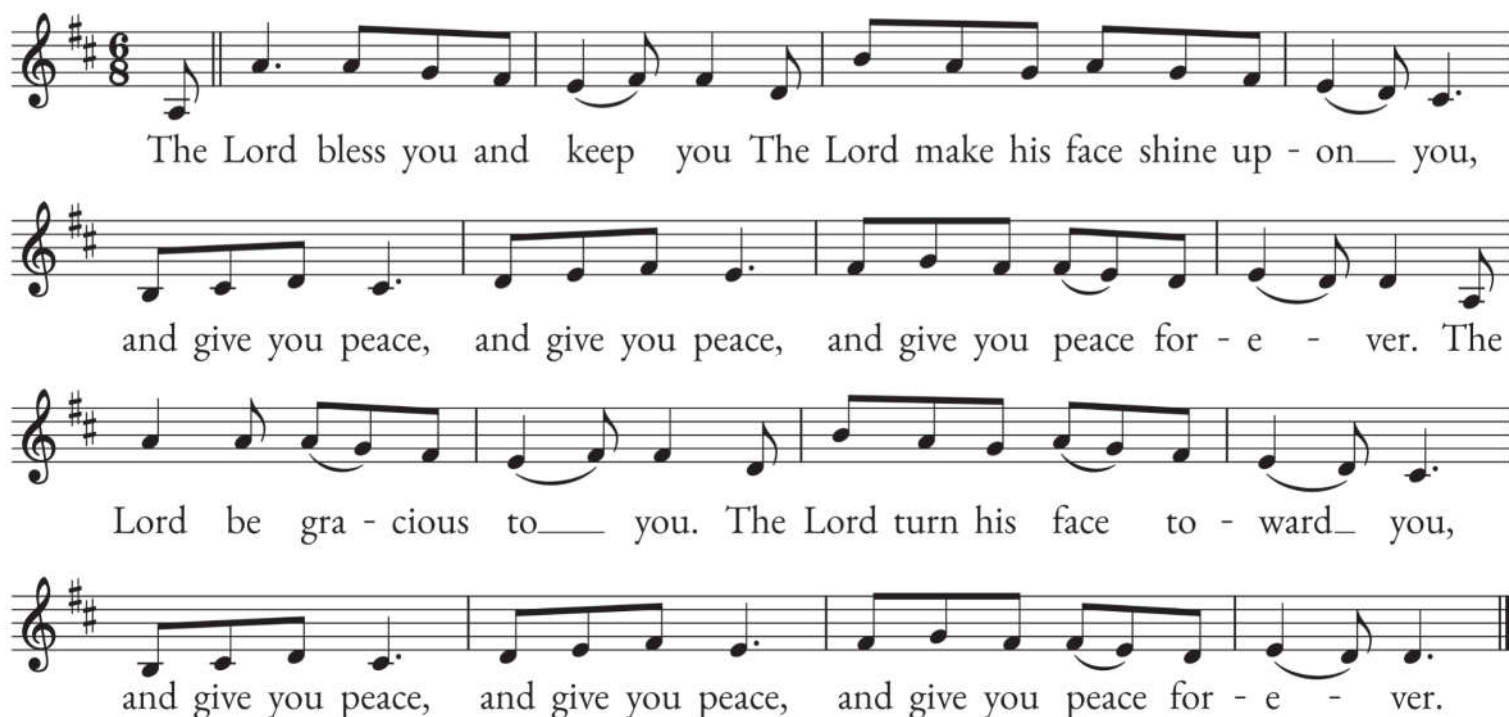
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praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

-might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## Benediction — Number 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup> 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

Last week many of you heard that we are expanding our music ministry to include a Fine Arts School of Music. Our website is now updated, and you can see many of the details at <https://firstprescrossville.org/fine-arts-school-of-music/>. We are in the process of hiring teachers and enrolling students so lessons can begin on September 9. Please be in prayer for this new ministry as there will be many people coming to participate in some way, and we want God to be honored through its mission and vision.

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 Meeting will be on Saturday, August 13 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will include a light breakfast and discussion on *How To Lead Your Family Well* by Joel Beeke.

The women's Fall Bible study on Philippians begins Tuesday, September 16, 9:30-11 a.m. For those who are unable to attend on Tuesday mornings, an additional opportunity to participate in a Fall study will begin on Sunday, September 7, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. High school young women are also invited to join! Sign-up sheets are available in the hallway.

Mark your calendars for our next Fellowship Lunch on September 14. This will be "Italian Style." Sign up to bring your favorite pasta dish, salad, or dessert on the sheets in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Beth McCrabb.

## 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 50, August 10

What happens to believers when they die?

**Our bodies will return to dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.**

Hymn of the Month—copies are on the back table

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

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.  
9:00 a.m.  
Monthly  
9:30 a.m. Begins September 16

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 8/3	\$ 7,060
Giving YTD	\$ 371,210
YTD Budget	\$ 294,208

Deacon’s Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 8,178
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

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	Christian Ragle
Next Week	Bob Kalb

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Darlene Gendjar
Next Week	John & Sandy Reed

Nursery

Today	Pam Lauver Reba Norris
Next Week	Annalise Aiken Jenae Larson