

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, confess our sins to him, and hear 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

Most merciful Father, we humbly beseech you to give every one of us grace to let every word that is read, prayed, sung, and preached sink deeply into our hearts. Bless, we pray, our wills and affections with sanctified desires to entertain them, our memories with faithfulness to retain them, our minds with serious meditation to digest them, our hearts with fervency and prayer for blessing upon them, and our lives with practice and piety to profit by them.

from Robert Bolton, 17th century pastor

Call to Worship

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

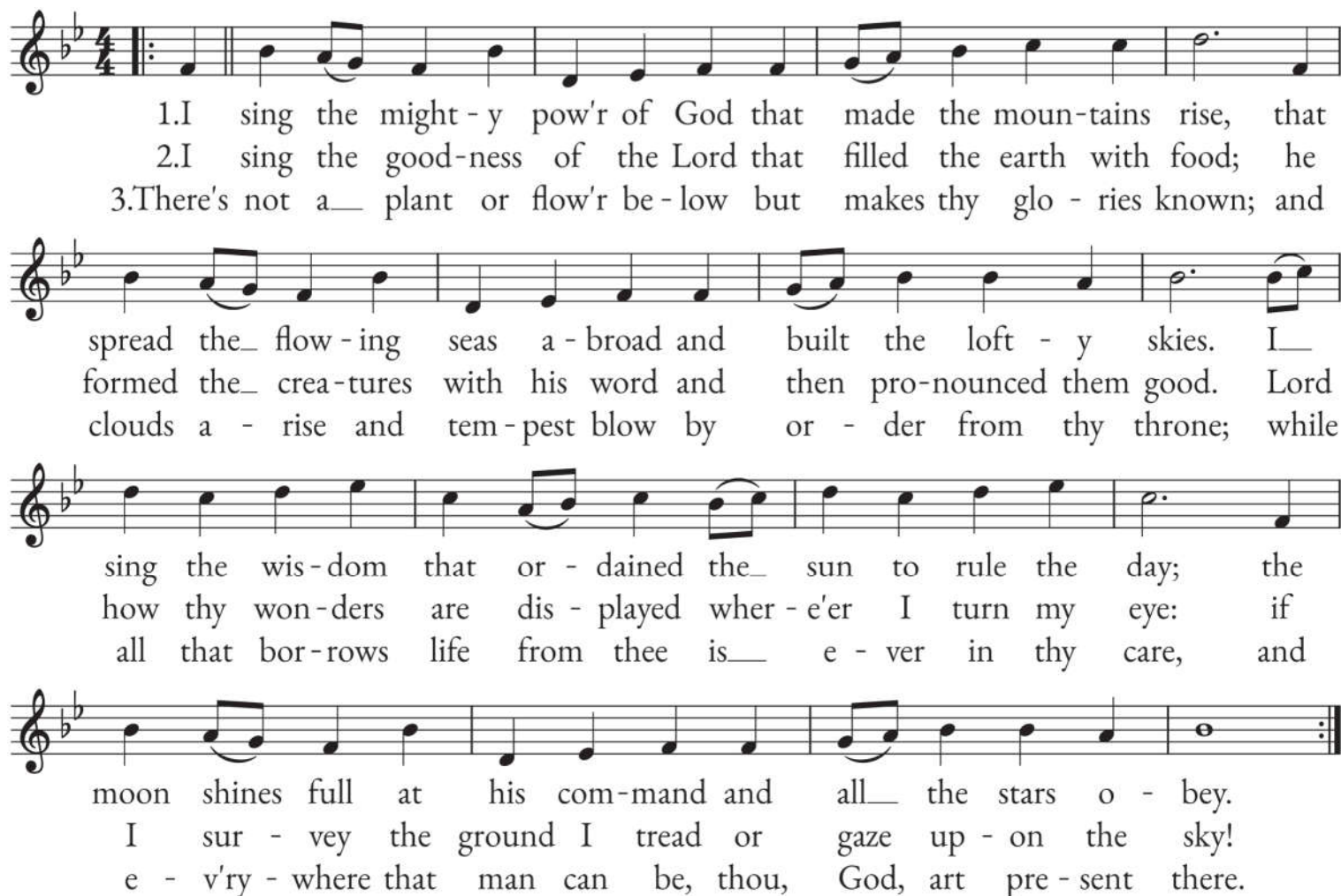
⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Hymn of Praise — I Sing the Mighty Power of God



The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The lyrics are arranged in three lines under the first staff, three lines under the second staff, three lines under the third staff, and three lines under the fourth staff. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise, that
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes thy glo - ries known; and
spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft - y skies. I
formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good. Lord
clouds a - rise and tem-pest blow by or - der from thy throne; while
sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the
how thy won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye: if
all that bor-rows life from thee is e - ver in thy care, and
moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
e - v'ry - where that man can be, thou, God, art pre - sent there.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the bloom - ing garb of Spring:
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host:
Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than
Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
and for - e - ver - more be thine.

Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Reading — John 3:1-8

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Profession of Faith — The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of Confession — I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need thee e - v'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord; no
4. I need thee e - v'ry hour, teach me thy will, and
ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford. I
thy rich pro - mi - ses in me ful - fill.
need thee, O I need thee, e - v'ry hour I need thee; O
bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

The musical score is written for a single voice in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a repeat sign at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: 1. My hope is built on no-thing less than Je - sus' blood and 2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - 3. His oath, his co - ve - nant, his blood sup - port me in the 4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame but - chang - ing grace; in e - v'ry high and storm - y gale, my whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. On an - chor holds with - in the veil. then is all my hope and stay. -less to stand be - fore the throne. Christ the so - lid rock I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Song of Response – Be Thou My Vision



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

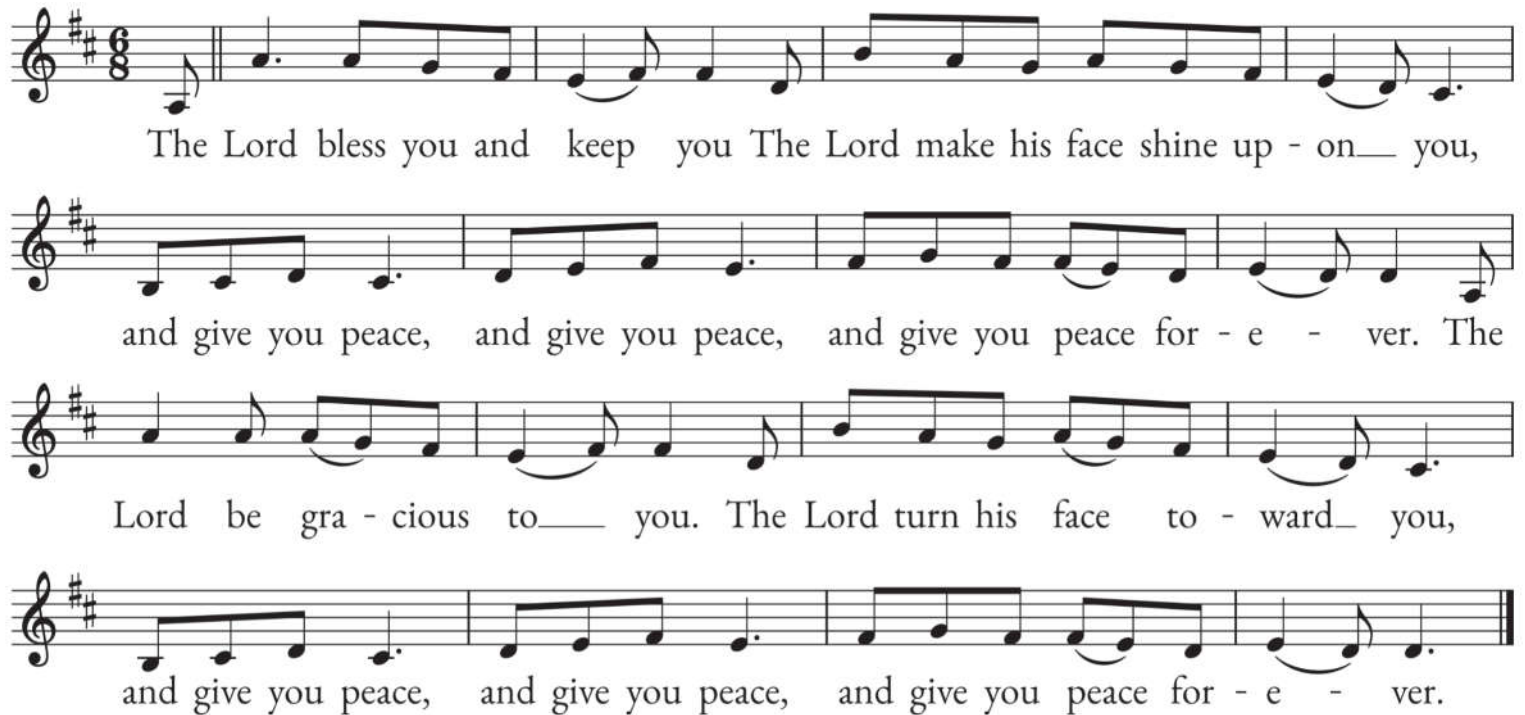
thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Benediction — Number 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 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 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 51, August 17

Will the Lord Jesus come again?

Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.

Hymn of the Month—copies are on the back table

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m. On Break
Women’s Monday Theology Study	2:00 p.m.
Men’s Thursday Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch	Monthly
Women’s Tuesday Bible Study	9:30 a.m. Begins September 16

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 8/10	\$ 6,275
Giving YTD	\$ 377,485
YTD Budget	\$ 303,699

Deacon’s Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 8,298
2024 Rollover	\$ 2,610
2025 Disbursements	\$ 2,092

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
Mercy Presbyterian, Rob Herron
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	Bob Kalb
Next Week	Dan Dolan

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	John & Sandy Reed
Next Week	Edge & Amber Pacana

Nursery

Today	Annalise Aikens
	Jenae Larson
Next Week	Nancy Tuuk
	Brianna Sears