

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

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 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,


but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Praise — Hallelujah Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah! O my soul, Je -
 2. Hap - py is the man who choo - ses Is - rael's God to
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah! O my soul, Je -

-ho - vah_ praise! I will sing the glo - ri - ous prai - ses
 be his_ aid! He is blessed whose hope_ of bless - ing
 pris' - ner_ free, rais - es those bowed down_ with an - guish,
 -ho - vah_ praise! I will sing the glo - ri - ous prai - ses

of_ my God_ through all my_ days!
 on_ the Lord_ his God is_ stayed.
 makes_ the sight - less eyes to_ see.
 of_ my God_ through all my_ days!

Put no con - fi - dence in prin - ces,
 Heav'n and earth_ the Lord cre - a - ted,
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous,
 O - ver all, God reigns for - e - ver;

nor for help on_ man_ de - pend. He shall die, to
 seas and all that_ they_ con - tain. He de - li - vers
 and the strang - er_ he_ be - friends, helps the fa - ther -
 through all a - ges_ he_ is King. Un - to him, thy

dust_ re - turn - ing, and_ his pur - pos - es_ shall end.
 from_ op - press - ion: right - eous - ness_ he will_ main - tain.
 -less_ and wi - dow, judge - ment on_ the wick - ed_ sends.
 God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — My God, My Portion, and My Love

1. My God, my Por - tion and my Love, my
 2. What em - pty things are all the skies and
 3. In vain, the bright, the burn - ing sun scat -
 4. Let all that dwells a - bove the sky and
 5. The whole cre - a - tion join in one to
 e - ver - last - ing All, I've none but thee in
 this in - fer - ior clod! There's no - thing here de -
 ters his fee - ble light. 'Tis thy sweet beams cre -
 air and earth and seas con - spire to lift thy
 bless the sa - cred name of him that sits up -
 Heav'n a - bove, or on this earth - ly ball.
 - serves my joys; there's no - thing like my God.
 - ate my noon. If thou with - draw, 'tis night.
 glo - ries high and speaks thine end - less praise.
 - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Scripture Reading — John 4:16-26, 39-42

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.” ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.

⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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

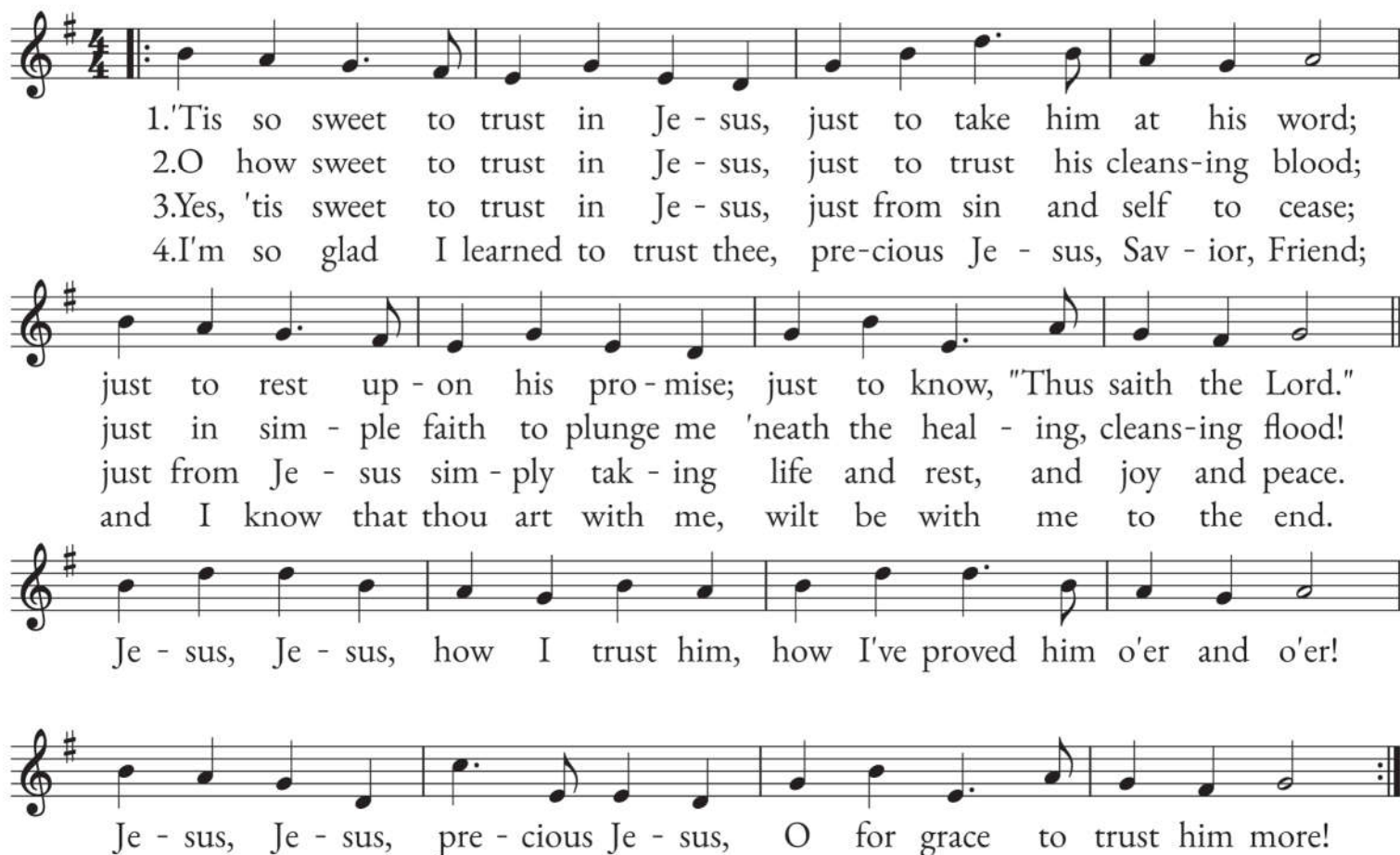
Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 10:9-13

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;
just to rest up - on his pro - mise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, O for grace to trust him more!

Sermon

Obedience and Worship as a Way of Life
Exodus 4:18-31

Pastor Andy Aikens

Song of Response – May the Peoples Praise You



1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to your glo - rious
2. May our e - v'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
3. All the earth is yours and all with - in, each har - vest is your
4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
5. This our ho - ly pri - v'lege to de - clare your prais - es and your



light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. May the
 strife with bound-less love and deep-est joy, with end - less life.
 own. And from your hand we give to_ you, to_ make Christ known.
 heard. May songs of praise build lives of_ grace to_ spread your word.
 name to e - v'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue your church pro- claims.



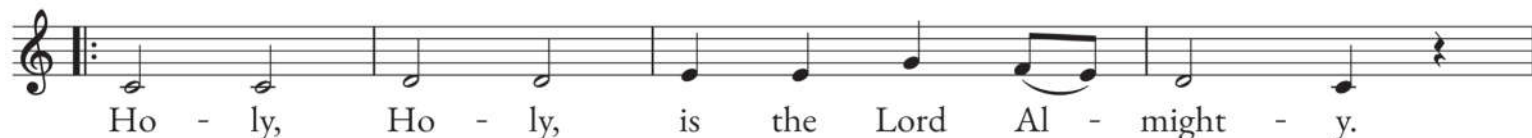
peo - ples praise you; let the na - tions be_



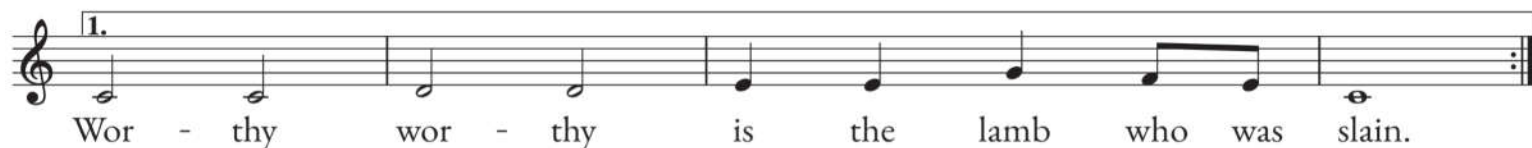
glad! All your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may



praise the name of_ Je - sus. sus.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - might - y.



Wor - thy wor - thy is the lamb who was slain.



All cre - a - tion praise your glo - ri - ous name. May the

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 — Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

News and Announcements

The men's breakfast and study of *How to Lead Your Family: A Guide for Men Wanting to Be More* by Joel Beeke will meet on Saturday, September 6 and on September 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 52, August 24

What will God do for believers at the last day?

He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.

What will the new heaven and the new earth be like?

A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus 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 8/10	\$ 49,203
Giving YTD	\$ 426,688
YTD Budget	\$ 313,389

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 8,398
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 Dolan
Next Week	Orville Ennis

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

Greeters

Today	Edge & Amber Pacana
Next Week	Aubrey & Charlotte Lewis

Nursery

Today	Nancy Tuuk Brianna Sears
Next Week	Hope Aikens Cathy Hutchens