

# 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 121:1-2

Where does our help come from?  
**Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

### Preparation for Worship

O Christ, our cornerstone, on you alone we build. Because of your great love, we place all our hopes for grace here on earth and future grace above. May hymns of praise be raised today to sing your glorious name, and may your Word be exalted among us and experienced in us as it is read, prayed, sung, and preached.

### Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-9

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

<sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

<sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

<sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;  
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

## Hymn of Praise — Praise My Soul the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your  
 2. Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers  
 3. Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble  
 4. Frail as Summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and  
 5. Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - e - ver,  
 frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us,  
 it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,  
 slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him,  
 res - cues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him,  
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Praise him, praise him,  
 dwell - ers all in time and space, praise him, praise him,

praise him praise him, praise the e - ver - last - ing King.  
 praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of Grace.

## Prayer of Adoration

## Scripture Reading — 1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,<sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.<sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

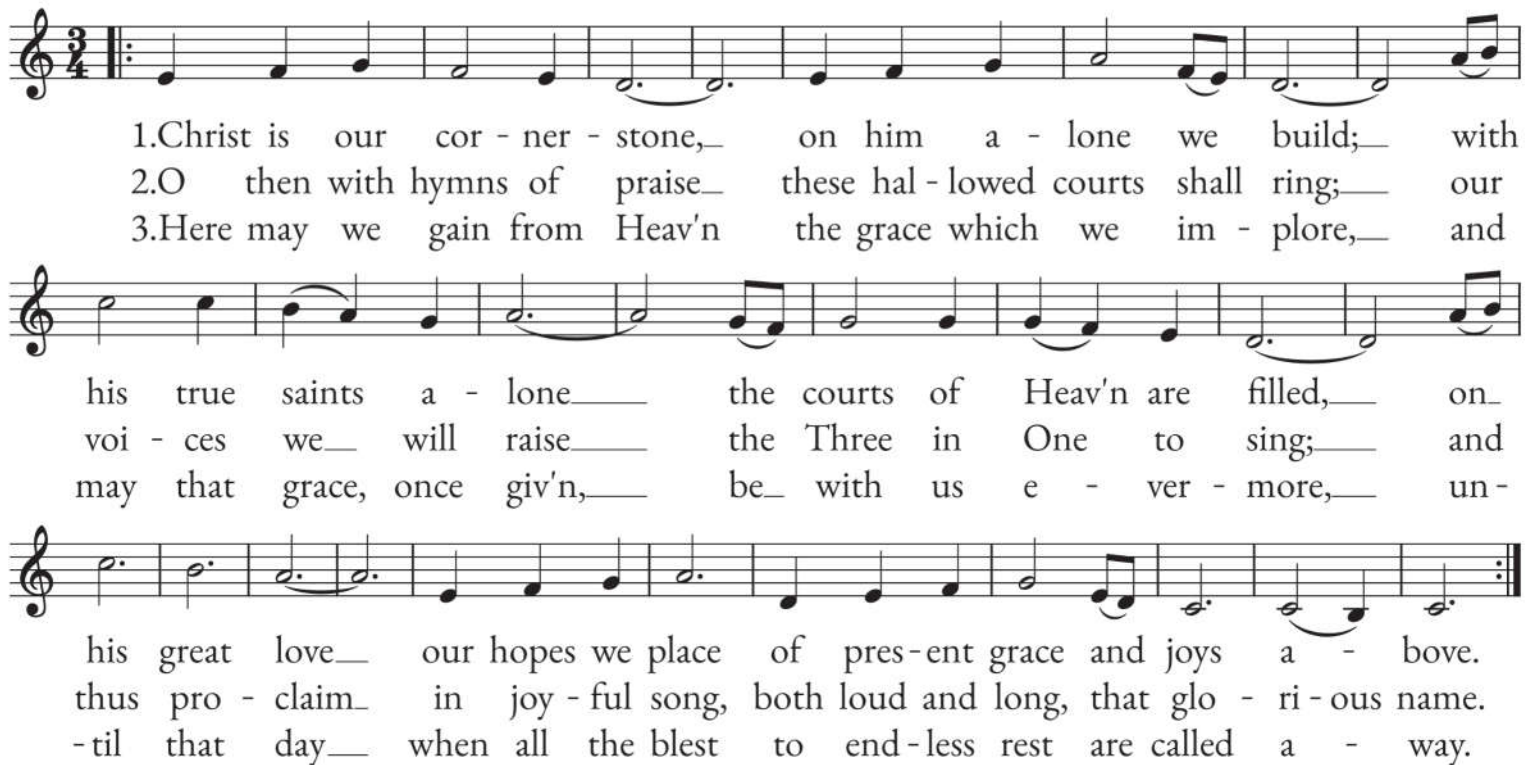
## Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1, 8.5

**1. It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only-begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King; the Head and Savior of his Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world; unto whom he did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

**5. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of his Father, and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto him.**



## Song of Confession — Christ is Our Cornerstone



1.Christ is our cor - ner - stone, on him a - lone we build; with  
2.O then with hymns of praise these hal - lowed courts shall ring; our  
3.Here may we gain from Heav'n the grace which we im - plore, and

his true saints a - lone the courts of Heav'n are filled, on  
voi - ces we will raise the Three in One to sing; and  
may that grace, once giv'n, be with us e - ver - more, un -

his great love our hopes we place of pres - ent grace and joys a - bove.  
thus pro - claim in joy - ful song, both loud and long, that glo - ri - ous name.  
-til that day when all the blest to end - less rest are called a - way.

## Prayer of Dedication - For the FPC Fine Arts School of Music

Prayer for the Students

Prayer for the Teachers

Prayer for the Director

## Assurance of Pardon — Romans 5:18-21

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## Hymn of Rejoicing — Sing Ye Saints

1.Sing, ye saints, ad - mire and won - der, Je - sus' match - less love a -  
2.Sing, though sense and world - ly rea - son tries to stop the joy - ful  
3.Sing, ye saints, ad - mire and won - der, Je - sus' match - less love a -  
-dore; sing for Si - nai's aw - ful thun - der shall up - on you burst no  
song; sing and count it high - est trea - son for a saint to hold his  
-dore; sing for Si - nai's aw - ful thun - der shall up - on you burst no  
more. Sing, in spite of Sa - tan's ly - ing; sing, though  
tongue. Sing ye loud, whose ho - ly call - ing your e -  
more. Sing, for you shall heav'n in - her - it, sing, and  
sins are black and large; sing, for Je - sus, by his dy - ing, set you  
-lec - tion plain - ly shows; sing, nor fear a fi - nal fall - ing, Je - sus'  
ne'er the song have done; sing to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, One in  
free from e - v'ry charge, set you free from e - v'ry charge.  
love no chang - es knows. Je - sus' love no chang - es knows.  
Three and Three in One, One in Three and Three in One.

**Sermon**

The Names of God  
Exodus 6:1-13

Pastor Andy Aikens

**Sermon Notes:**



# Song of Response – O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

1.O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, great - est  
 2.O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, strong de -  
 3.O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, gra - cious

trea - sure of my long - ing soul. My God, like you there is no  
 -fend - er of my wea - ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de -  
 Sa - vior of my ru - ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your

oth - er; true de - light is found in you a - lone. Your  
 -cei - ver and my shield a - gainst his hate - ful darts. My  
 should - ers. In my place, you suf - fered, bled, and died. You

grace, a well too deep to fath - om. Your love ex - ceeds the heav - ens'  
 song when e - ne - mies sur - round me, my hope when tides of sor - row  
 rose; the grave and death are con - quered! You broke my bonds of sin and

reach. Your truth, a fount of per - fect  
 rise. My joy when tri - als are a -  
 shame. O Lord, my Rock and my Re -

§ D.S. al Fine  
 wis - dom, my high - est good and my un - end - ing need.  
 -bound - ing, your faith - ful - ness, my re - fuge in the night.  
 -deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

## **Serving of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ, to come forward to the table.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You may use the lyrics of the hymns as well as the Scriptures to guide your praying.

## **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below!  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.

## **Benediction — From Psalm 73:23-24, 26**

Because of the covenant love of our LORD,  
may you know you are held by God's right hand,  
guided by his counsel,  
and will be taken to glory.  
Your heart and flesh may fail,  
but God is your strength and portion forever.

## 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 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Tuesday morning women's fall Bible study will kick-off with a brunch on September 16 at 9:30. We will cover the introduction to the book, *In All Things* by Melissa Kruger. Sign-up sheets and books are available in the hallway. Bring a brunch dish to share if you would like, but it is not necessary.

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

## First Catechism

What is the gospel and its reward?

**God, the righteous Creator, rescues sinful people from separation to himself through Jesus' sinless life, death, and resurrection. Repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus' work unites us to Jesus and transforms us to grow in ways pleasing to God. The eternal presence of God is our reward!**

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 1 - September 7

What is God?

**God is a Spirit and does not have a body like man.**

## 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 8/31	\$ 3,220
Giving YTD	\$ 437,494
YTD Budget	\$ 332,170

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 8,498
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 '25  
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
School of Music Director	April Stewart
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

## Security Team

Today	Kevin Wyson
Next Week	Orville Ennis

## Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin

## Greeters

Today	Ralph Jansen
Next Week	Bobby & Pat Duck

## Nursery

Today	Amber Pacana Lorelei Pacana
Next Week	Bethany Powell Laura Powell