

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 great God of highest heaven, love flows first from you to us. We know what love is only because of you, and all of our longings are completely fulfilled in you. This morning as we approach you, through Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, may we worship you with the knowledge that we are completely protected, valued, forgiven, and loved. You have set your love upon us and caused our gaze to rest in you. May we rest today in that great love.

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-13a

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Hymn of Praise — God, My King, Thy Might Confessing



1. God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, e - ver will I bless thy
 2. They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and great - ness
 3. Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger, vast in

name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing, still will I thy praise pro -
 dwell, speak of thy great acts the sto - ry, and thy deeds of won - der
 love, God is good to all cre - a - tion; all his works his good - ness

-claim. Ho - nor_ great our God be - fit - eth; who his_
 tell. Nor shall fail from mem - 'ry's trea - sure works by_
 prove. All thy_ works, O Lord, shall bless_ thee; thee shall

ma - jes - ty can reach? Age to age his works trans -
 love and mer - cy wrought: works of love sur - pass - ing
 all thy saints a - dore. King su - preme shall they con -

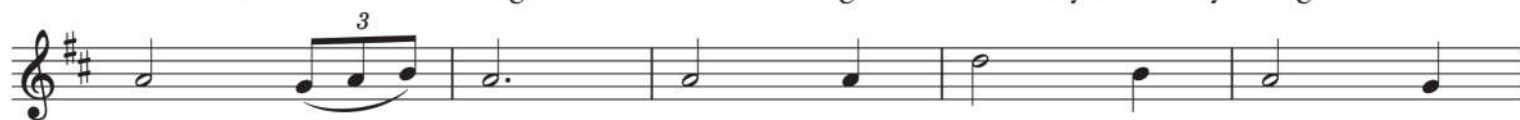
-mit - teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.
 mea - sure, works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
 -fess thee, and pro - claim thy so - v'reign pow'r.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)



1.The King of love my_ Shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2.Where streams of liv - ing_ wa - ter flow, my_ ran - somed
 3.Per - verse and fool - ish,_ oft I stray, but yet in
 4.In death's dark vale I_ fear no ill, with thee, dear
 5.And so through all the_ length of days, thy_ good - ness



fail - eth_ ne - ver; I no - thing lack if
 soul he_ lead - eth; and where the ver - dant
 love he_ sought me; and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 fail - eth_ ne - ver; good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, and he is mine for - e - ver.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - e - ver.

Scripture Reading — Romans 9:14-18

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Song of Confession — He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with two verses indicated by numbers 1 and 2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

1. I lift my eyes and see, I need not be a - fraid; all my
2. The Lord will ne - ver sleep, my steps he has or - dained, for the
help comes from the Lord, who the earth and sky has made. He will
one who holds the night is the so - v'reign of my days.
keep you from all e - vils, be - hind you and be - fore, he will sus -
-tain you through this jour - ney, from now and e - ver - more.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
So many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune,
Sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow,
Yet clinging to faith in you.
So too, O Lord, are our hearts.

In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most:
his cross makes our forgiveness possible,
And his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises.
Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins.

Eagerly we plead your help
To enthrone in our hearts David's Son:
Christ Jesus, King of the universe,
Our Savior and Lord.

And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — All Praise to Him

1. All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the
 2. All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the
 3. All praise to him whose pow'r im-parts the love of

moun-tains by his might. All praise to him who names the
 Son, the Ser-vant King, who left be-hind his glo-rious
 God with-in our hearts. The Spi-rit of all truth and

stars, that sing his fame in skies a-far. All praise to
 throne to pay the ran-som for his own. All praise to
 peace, the fount of joy and ho-li-ness. To Fa-ther,

him who reigns in love, who guides the gal-ax-ies a-
 him who hum-bly came to bear our sor-row, sin, and
 Son, and Spir-it now our souls we lift our wills we

-bove, yet bends to hear our e-v'ry
 shame, who lived to die, who died to
 bow. To you, the Tri-une God, we

D.S. al Fine

prayer, with so-v'reign pow'r and ten-der care.
 rise, the all suf-fi-cient sac-ri-fice.
 raise with lov-ing hearts our song of praise.

Song of Response – Our Sovereign God



1. Our — so - v'reign God by his own word su - stains this
 2. When the full - ness of the — time had come, God sent his
 3. Be - fore our birth, he — planned our days, laid out our
 4. He has writ - ten hi - sto - ry's fi - nal page, his — Son's re -

world and reigns as — Lord. No — an - gel, de - mon, sin - ful
 own be - lov - ed — Son. To — keep God's law, live in our
 course, or - dained our ways. The mo - ments of our lives he
 - turn will end this — age. The Lamb will come in glo - rious

man can change his course, re - strain his hand. O so - v'reign
 place, to — bear our sin, guilt and dis - grace. Dead in our
 weaves so — all the glo - ry — he re - ceives. To those he
 might, take back his world and end its night. How deep the

God we praise your pow'r: your — wis - dom, good - ness we a -
 sins, e - stranged from God, we — fled as re - bels from his
 loved be - fore all time, to — all he called, in grace re -
 wis - dom of our God, un - known, un - fa - thomed are his

- dore! We bow our hearts be - fore your throne; help us O
 love. In so - v'reign grace he made us sons and saved us
 - newed, he can - not lie; his Word is true, he — makes all
 ways. None coun - sels him or knows his mind. We — bow be -

D.S. al Fine

Lord, to trust you more; help us, O Lord, to trust you more.
 from the wrath to come; and saved us from the wrath to come.
 things to — work for good; he — makes all things to — work for good.
 - fore him all our days; we — bow be - fore him all our days.

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 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.

Women are invited to meet for prayer and fellowship on Thursday, September 18, 9:30-11 a.m. in the Christian Education Center rear classroom. Please enter from the back door off the gravel parking lot.

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 2 - September 14

Is there more than one true God?

No, there is only one true God.

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.

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 9/7	\$ 10,240
Giving YTD	\$ 447,734
YTD Budget	\$ 341,661

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 8,868
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	Orville Ennis
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin
Director Children/Youth	Hope Aikens

Greeters

Today	Bobby & Pat Duck
Next Week	Brett & Maria Bottoms

Nursery

Today	Bethany Powell Laura Powell
Next Week	Holly Kisly Pam Lauver