

# 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

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:8, 15, 18

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:10-17

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,  
the coastlands and their inhabitants.

<sup>11</sup> Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,  
let them shout from the top of the mountains.

<sup>12</sup> Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;  
he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.

<sup>14</sup> For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup> And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup> They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images, "You are our gods."

## Hymn of Praise — O Sing a New Song to the Lord (Psalm 98)



1. O sing a new song to the Lord for  
 2. The great sal - va - tion wrought by him, Je -  
 3. He mind - ful of his grace and truth to  
 4. O all the earth, sing to the Lord and  
 5. With harp make mu - sic to the Lord; with  
 6. Let seas in all their vast - ness roar, the  
 7. Be - cause he comes, he sure - ly comes the

won - ders he has done, his right hand and his  
 - ho - vah has made known. His just - ice in the  
 Is - r'el's House has been. The great sal - va - tion  
 make a joy - ful sound. Lift up your voice a -  
 harp a psalm O sing! With horn and trum - pet  
 world, it's liv - ing horde. Let riv - ers clap, let  
 judge of earth to be! With just - ice he will

ho - ly arm the vic - to - ry have won.  
 na - tion's sight the Lord has clear - ly shown.  
 of our God all ends of earth have seen.  
 - loud to him; sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!  
 raise a shout be - fore the Lord, the King.  
 moun - tains sing their joy be - fore the Lord!  
 judge the world all men with e - qui - ty.

## Prayer of Adoration



## Hymn of Praise — Across the Lands

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different verses. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1.You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-  
2.Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the  
3.With a shout you rose, vic-tor-ious, wrest-ling vic-tory from the

-gan; e-v'ry star and e-v'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by your  
lost, and ex-changed the joy of Hea-ven for the an-guish of the  
grave, and a-scend-ed in-to Hea-ven lead-ing cap-tives in your

hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-geth-er by the pow-er of your  
cross. With a prayer you fed the hun-gry, with a word, you stilled the  
wake. Now you stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for your

voice. Let the skies de-clare your glo-ry, let the land and seas re-  
sea, yet how si-lent-ly you suf-fered that the guil-ty may go  
own; from each tribe and tongue and na-tion, you are lead-ing sin-ners

joice. You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, you're the Lord of e-v'ry  
free.  
home.

man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

## Scripture Reading — Colossians 1:13-23

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

## Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 23 and 26.

**Q.** What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**A.** Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

**Q.** How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**A.** Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

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

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

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
**Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

## Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 7:23-26

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

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

## Hymn of Rejoicing — Before the Throne of God Above



1.Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
2.When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with-  
3.Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right-eous-

plea: a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for  
-in, up-ward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my  
-ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I AM", the King of glo - ry and of

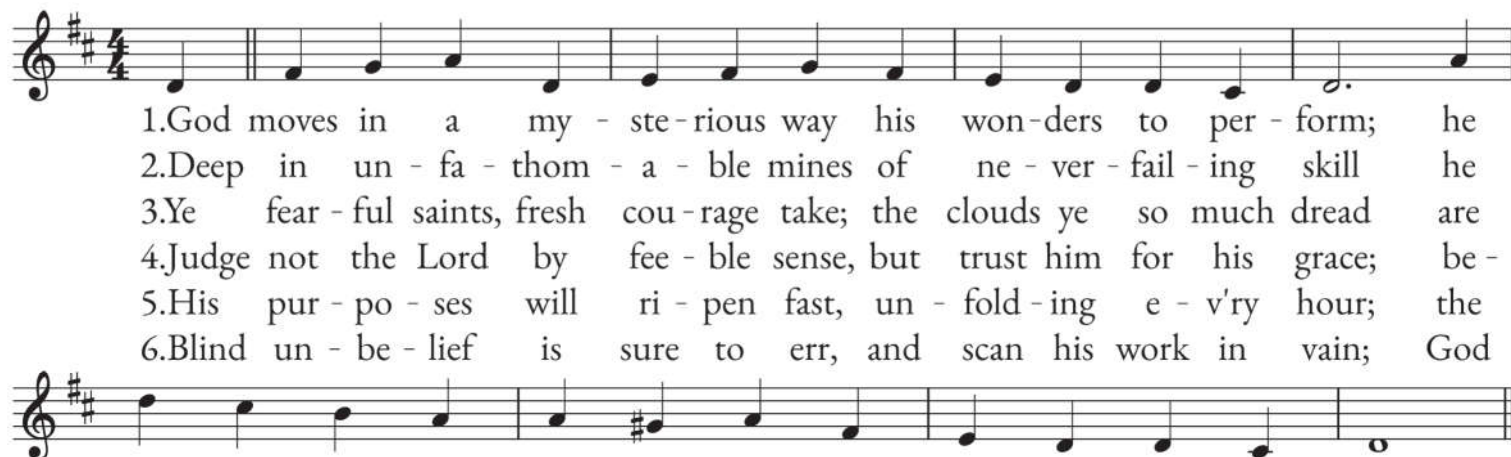
me. My name is grav - en on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with him - self, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in Heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free, for God the just is sa - tis - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my


bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.



## Song of Response – God Moves in a Mysterious Way



1. God moves in a my - ste - rious way his won - ders to per - form; he  
2. Deep in un - fa - thom - a - ble mines of ne - ver - fail - ing skill he  
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cou - rage take; the clouds ye so much dread are  
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace; be -  
5. His pur - po - ses will ri - pen fast, un - fold - ing e - v'ry hour; the  
6. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God



plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.  
treas - ures up his bright de - signs, and works his so - v'reign will.  
big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
hind a frown - ing pro - vi - dence he hides a smil - ing face.  
bud may have a bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.  
is his own in - ter - pre - ter, and he will make it plain.

## 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

Mark your calendars for the joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 26, at 5 p.m.

Are you missing an umbrella? Please retrieve it from under the coat rack in the hallway.

## 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 3 - September 21

In how many Persons does this one God exist?

**In three Persons.**

Name these three Persons.

**The Father, the Son , and the Holy Spirit.**

## 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 9/14	\$ 6,225
Giving YTD	\$ 453,959
YTD Budget	\$ 351,152

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,018
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
School of Music Director	April Stewart
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

## Security Team

Today	Michael McCrabb
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

## Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin
Children's Ministry	Hope Aikens

## Greeters

Today	Bill & Fran Allbright
Next Week	Brett & Maria Bottoms

## Nursery

Today	Holly Kisly Eden Tuuk
Next Week	Reba Norris Keeley Ragle