

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

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory, and the skies display the work of your hands. Your eternal power and divine essence can be clearly seen and understood through your creation. Grant that we may see this glory today and not be counted with those who say there is no God. May we, because of your gracious intervention, come to believing that you are, that you save sinners, and that you bountifully reward those who diligently seek you.

-Psalm 14:1, 19:1, Romans 1:20, Hebrews 11:6

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Hymn of Praise — Holy Holy Holy

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are arranged in four-line verses under each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee;
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Won - der - ful mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and friend!
2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spi - rit we long to em - brace,
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing your own,

Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh you
you of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way, oh we've
here in our weak - ness you find us fall - ing be - fore your throne, oh we're

res - cue the souls of men! You are the one that we praise, —
hope - less - ly lost the way.
fall - ing be - fore your throne.

you are the one we a - dore. — You give the heal - ing and grace our

hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

Scripture Reading — Psalm 144:1-10

Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle;

² he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.

³ O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him?

⁴ Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

⁵ Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke!

⁶ Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and rout them!

⁷ Stretch out your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,
from the hand of foreigners,

⁸ whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

⁹ I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,

¹⁰ who gives victory to kings, who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.

Profession of Faith — Apostles' 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 — Hear My Pray'r (Psalm 86)

1. Hear my pray'r O Lord, and answer me. I am poor and need-y.
2. You O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my pray'r.
Save my life, for you are the on-ly God. For to you I cry—
Teach your way, so that I may walk in your truth. Fix my heart to fear you.
You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy, gra-cious are you, O God.
Slow to an-ger, a-bound-ing in faith-ful-ness,
turn to me, de-liv-er me. Save me in your love.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
**We have followed the devices
and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
**O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.**

Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 1:18-21

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — 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
treasure 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.

Song of Response – I Hunger and I Thirst

1. I hun - ger and I thirst, Je - sus, my man - na be; ye
 2. Thou true life giv - ing vine, let me thy sweet - ness prove; re -
 3. For still the de - sert lies my thirst - ing soul be - fore; O

liv - ing wa - ters, burst out of the rock for me. Thou
 new my life with thine, re - fresh my soul with love. Rough
 liv - ing wat - ers, rise with - in me e - ver - more. I

bruised and bro - ken bread, my life - long wants sup - ply; as
 paths my feet have trod since first their course be - gan; feed
 hun - ger and I thirst, Je - sus my man - na be; Ye

1.2.
 liv - ing souls are fed, O feed me, or I die.
 me, thou bread of God; help me, thou Son of Man.
 liv - ing wat - ers, burst out

3.
 of the rock for me.

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 Ephesians 2:4-5,10

Now because of the great love with which God loved us,
that makes us alive together with Christ,
may you walk in grace and do the good works
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

News and Announcements

Mark your calendars for the joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 26, at 5 p.m. The service will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of Nicea and how its creed has important touch points for the Reformation and Post-Reformation churches. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Sean Morris, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Oakridge. Signup sheets are 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 5 - October 5

Does God know all things?

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Can God do all things?

Yes. God can do all his holy will.

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 9/28	\$ 7,790
Giving YTD	\$ 464,089
YTD Budget	\$ 370,133

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,068
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	Mike Tuuk
Next Week	Tim Grimes

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Bob & Sasha Graham
Next Week	Gary & Patti Thompson

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Piper Larson
Next Week	Annalise Aikens April Marion