First Presbyterian Church Established 1988 PCA

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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!"

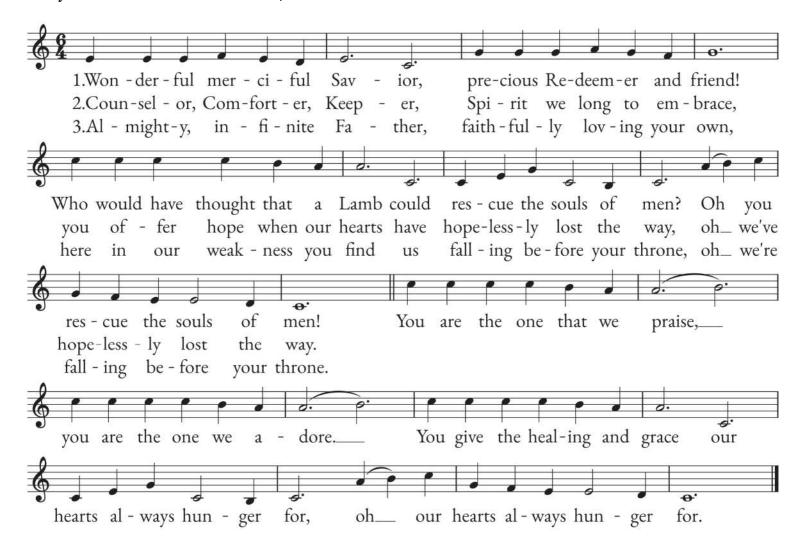
- ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"
- ⁶ Then 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



Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Wonderful, Merciful Savior



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.

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

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

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.

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

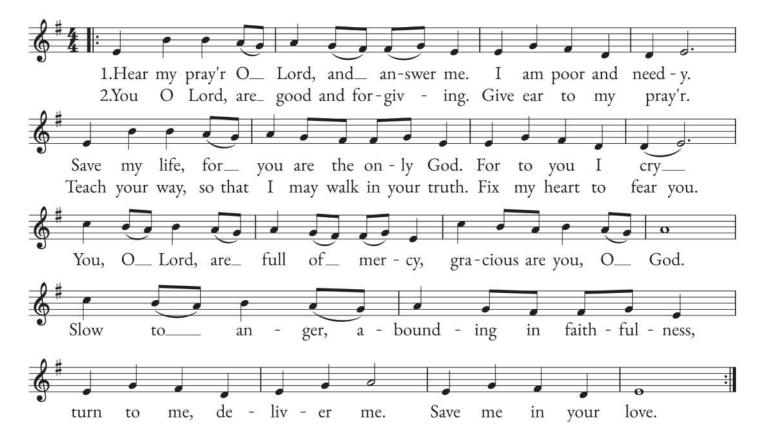
⁵ Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke!

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.

Song of Confession — Hear My Pray'r (Psalm 86)



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 you 21 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



Song of Response – I Hunger and I Thirst



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

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 9/28 \$ 7,790 Giving YTD \$ 464,089 YTD Budget \$ 370,133

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

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

Staff

Music/Sound Director
School of Music Director
Finance/Admin

Matt Bundy
April Stewart
Holly Kisly

Ministry Support

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

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.

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving \$ 9,068 2024 Rollover \$ 2,610 2025 Disbursements \$ 2,092

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

Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25 John Reed '26 Mike Tuuk '27

Security Team

Today Mike Tuuk Next Week Tim Grimes

Greeters

Today Bob & Sasha Graham Next Week Gary & Patti Thompson

Nursery

Today Jenae Larson Piper Larson

Next Week Annalise Aikens April Marion