

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 God, you are life, wisdom, truth, bounty, and blessedness, the eternal, the only true good; our God and our Lord, you are our hope and our heart's joy - we acknowledge with thanksgiving that you have made us in your image, and that we may direct our thoughts to you. Lord, make us know you aright, that we may love, enjoy, and possess you more and more through Jesus Christ.

-Anselm

Call to Worship

Psalm 99

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.

⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

Hymn of Praise — Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
 want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
 all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we
 an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight, all

bles - ed most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
 ju - stice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
 blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, and
 praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 wi - ther and pe - rish but naught chang - eth thee.
 on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Jesus Shall Reign (Psalm 72)



1. Je - sus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does it suc-cess - ive jour-neys run;
2. Bless-ings a - bound wher-e'er he reigns; the pris'-ner leaps to lose his chains.
3. Peo - ple and realms of_ e - v'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweet-est song,
4. Let e - v'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless-ing and ho - nor to our King.



his king-dom stretch from shore to_ shore, 'til suns shall rise and set no more.
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of
and in - fant voi - ces shall pro-claim their ear - ly bless-ings
An-gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the



want are blessed. To our King be high - est praise, ris-ing through e ter - nal days!
on his name.
loud a - men!



Just and faith - ful, he shall reign; Je - sus shall reign!

Scripture Reading — Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 32 and 33

What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Song of Confession — Franklin Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy— Lord.

Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy— Lord.

The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a half note. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy for us to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep for us to undo.
**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
**and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ 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 — Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry in the dawn-ing of the King. He, the
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: he the per - fect Son of Man, in his
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry: slain by death, the God of life. But no



theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
liv - ing, in his suff' - ring, ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry! See the
grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord! He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man, Christ, the
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold, bring - ing
fore - taste of de - liv' - rance! How un - wav - er - ing our hope! Christ in

D.S. al Fine



Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
great and sure full - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
ma - ny sons to glo - ry: grace un - mea - sured, love un - told!
po - wer re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

Sermon

The Knowledge of God and the Worship of God
Exodus 8:16-32

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my— vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my— wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Be thou my— bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 4. Rich - es I— heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of— Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

thou my— best— thought by day or by night,—
 thou my— great Fa - ther, I thy true son—
 thou my— soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:—
 thou and— thou on - ly, first in my heart,—
 Heart of— my— own heart, what - ev - er be - fall—

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy— pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and— I with thee one.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O— Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my— trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O— Rul - er of all.

Benediction – Based on 2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved, take care that you are not carried away
 with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.
 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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. Sign up sheets are in the hallway.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday the 16th at 10:00 am. We will meet in the CEC building. Please come through the door on the side of the gravel parking lot. If you are able, please join us for lunch and fellowship following our prayer time.

Operation Christmas Child supplies and information are available in the hallway. There are activity sheets for children so they can be involved in the project. You may bring items for boxes we will pack at church until November 9. Filled boxes are due November 16. Pray for the children who will receive boxes and hear the gospel message

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 6 - October 12

Who made you?

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 10/05	\$ 7,499
Giving YTD	\$ 468,348
YTD Budget	\$ 379,623

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,308
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	Tim Grimes
Next Week	Richard Parks

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Gary & Patti Thompson
Next Week	Holly Kisly

Nursery

Today	Annalise Aikens
Next Week	April Marion