

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, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand your Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing to your majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-H. Zwingli

Call to Worship

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
² for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

Hymn of Praise — Glory Be to God the Father



1. Glo-ry_ be to God the Fa - ther; glo - ry_ be to God the
2. Glo-ry_ be to him who loved us, washed us_ from each spot and
3. Glo-ry_ to the King of an - gels; glo - ry_ to the church 's
4. "Glo-ry_ bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels

Son; Glo-ry_ be to God the Spi - rit, Great Je - ho - vah, three in
stain! Glo-ry_ be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to
King; Glo-ry_ to the King of na - tions! Heav'n and Earth, your prai-ses
sings; "Hon-or, rich - es, pow'r, do min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion

one! Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
reign! Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain!
bring! Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to the King of glo - ry bring!
brings! Glo-ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo-ry to the King of Kings!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall; bring
2. Crown him, ye mar-tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call; ex -
5. Let e - v'ry kind-red, e - v'ry tribe, on this ter - rest - rial ball, to
6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of__ all; bring
 -tol the Stem of Jes - se's_ rod, and crown him Lord of__ all; ex -
 him all ma - jest - y__ a - scribe, and crown him Lord of__ all; to
 join the ev - er - last - ing_ song, and crown him Lord of__ all; we'll



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 join the e - ver - last - ing_ song, and crown him Lord____ of all.

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 6:10-18a

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.6

As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as a righteous judge, for former sins, does blind and harden, from them he not only withholds his grace, whereby they might have been enlightened in their understandings and wrought upon in their hearts, but sometimes also withdraws the gifts which they had, and exposes them to such objects as their corruption makes occasion of sin; and withal, gives them over to their own lusts, the temptations of the world, and the power of Satan; whereby it comes to pass that they harden themselves, even under those means which God uses for the softening of others.

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.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
symbolized in baptism, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a ri - ver, at - tend - eth my way, when
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3. My sin, O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! my
4. O Lord, haste the day when thy faith_ shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - e - ver my lot, thou hast
this blest as - su - rance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" it is will with my soul.

It is well_ with my soul;_ it is well, it is well, with my soul._

Sermon

From Exodus to Cross: Christ Our Victor
Exodus 9:1-12

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – Whate'er My God Ordains is Right



1. What - e'er my God or-dains is right; his ho - ly will a - bid - eth.
2. What - e'er my God or-dains is right; he ne - ver will de-cieve me.
3. What - e'er my God or-dains is right, though now this cup I'm drink - ing
4. What - e'er my God or-dains is right; here shall my stand be tak - en.



I will be still, what-e'er he doth, and fol - low where he guid - eth.
 He leads me by the pro - per path; I know he will not leave me.
 may bit - ter seem to my faint heart; I take it all un-shrink - ing.
 Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet I am not for - sak - en.



He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not
 I take, con - tent, what he has sent, his hand can turn my griefs a -
 My God is true; each morn a - new, sweet com - fort yet shall fill my
 My Fa - ther's care is 'round me there; he holds me that I shall not



fall. And so, to him I leave it all; he holds me that I shall not fall.
 -way. And pa - tient - ly, I wait his day; his hand can turn my griefs a - way.
 heart. And pain and sor - row shall de part; sweet com - fort yet shall fill my heart.
 fall. And so to him, I leave it all; he holds me that I shall not fall.

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 to provide food are in the hallway.

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.

Mark your calendars for the last Fellowship Lunch of the year, November 16. Food sign up sheets will be available beginning October 26.

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 7 - October 19

How did God create man?

God created man, male and female, after his own image.

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 10/12	\$ 8,390
Giving YTD	\$ 476,738
YTD Budget	\$ 389,114

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,318
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	Richard Parks
Next Week	Bill Allbright

Greeters

Today	Holly Kisly
Next Week	Sherry Nichols

Ministry Support

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

Nursery

Today	Holly Kisly
	Pam Lauver
Next Week	Nancy & Eden Tuuk