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

O great God, may I observe again this day your goodness and faithfulness. You have saved from the penalty of sin, disarmed the sting of death, and trampled low the victory once claimed by the grave. Through Jesus, you hold my hope of life and resurrection. Help me offer worship due your great name!

-From Every Moment Holy, Vol. 2

Call to Worship

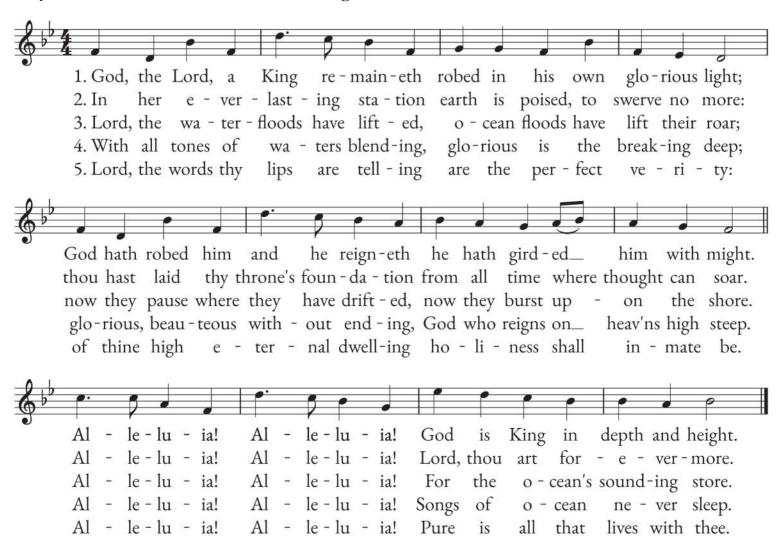
Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- May the LORD give strength to his people!

 May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn of Praise — God, the Lord, a King Remaineth



Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art



Scripture Reading — Isaiah 59:15b-21

The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

- ¹⁶ He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.
- ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head;

he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

- ¹⁸ According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.
- ¹⁹ So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.
- ²⁰ "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.
- ²¹ "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith, 5.2, 5.3

Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass immutably and infallibly, yet by the same providence he orders them to fall out, according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

God, in his ordinary providence, makes use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them, at his pleasure.

Song of Confession — Franklin Kyrie



Pastoral Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Sing Ye Saints



Song of Response - All Praise to Him



Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26

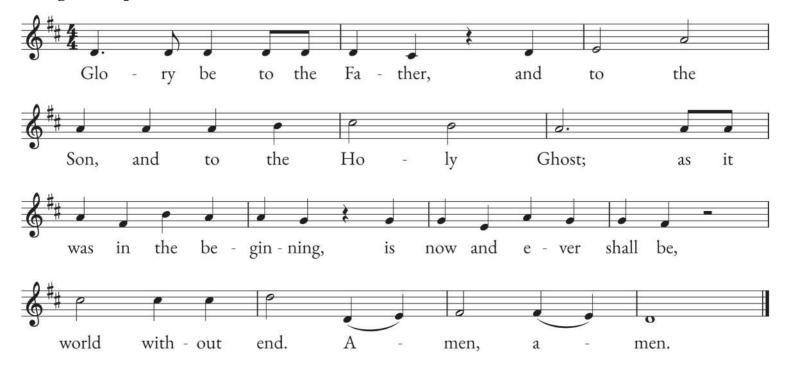
The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you

and give you peace.

Song of Response - Gloria Patri



News and Announcements

Let us love another, please silence your phone.

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. Sign up 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 8 - October 26

In what condition did God make Adam and Eve? He made them holy and happy..

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

9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. On Break 2:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Monthly

10:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Giving General Fund

2025 week 10/19 5,432 \$ 482,170 Giving YTD \$ 398,604 YTD Budget

Our Missionary Family

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia Bulgaria Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels

International

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 Matt Bundy School of Music Director April Stewart Finance/Admin Holly Kisly

Ministry Support

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

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving 9,468 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 Bill Allbright Next Week Christian Ragle

Greeters

Today Sherry Nichols Next Week Eston & Reba Norris

Nursery

Today Nancy & Eden Tuuk Next Week Hope Aikens Keely Ragle