

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

Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine for likeness to you. I am your child and should bear your image; enable me to recognize my death unto sin; when it tempts me, may I be deaf unto its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.

-The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-10

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

Hymn of Praise — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1. Come, thou fount of e - v'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my E - be - ne - zer; hi - ther by thy help I'm
 3. O to grace how great a deb - tor dai - ly I'm con - strained to
 4. Oh that day when freed from sin - ning I shall see thy love - ly

grace; streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
 come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, sa - fely to ar - rive at
 be; let that grace now like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to
 face; full ar - rayed in blood - washed li - nen, how I'll sing thy sov - 'reign

praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, song by_ flam - ing tongues a -
 home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of
 thee. Prone to_ wan - der, Lord, I feel_ it, prone to_ leave the God I
 grace. Come, my Lord, no lon - ger tar - ry, bring thy_ pro - mi - ses to

bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.
 pass; for I know thy pow'r will keep me, till I'm home with thee at last.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — The Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)

1. It's not long till the boast-ful are si-lenced and shamed. It's not
 2. Just be still and be faith-ful and dwell in the land. Put your
 3. Do not fear for the wick-ed with weap-ons of war, for the
 long till the wealth of the wick-ed's re-claimed. And the
 trust in the Sav-ior and cling to his hand. When your
 Lord is the shel-ter and strength of the poor. And our
 ones who have wait-ed with eyes on the Lord will
 heart burns with an-ger for all that is wrong, do
 God comes with laugh-ter, let him be your joy. The
 shine like the sun for-ev-er-more. It's not
 not let the dark steal your song. It's not
 pow'r of the sword he'll de-stroy. It's not
 long till the day of the Lord!
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 long till the day of the
 2.3.
 Lord! It's not long till the day of the
 Lord, it's not long till the day of the
 Lord! E-v'ry-thing that is bro-ken will
 soon be re-stored. It's not long till the day of the Lord.

Scripture Reading — Matthew 27:32-54

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith, 33.1

God has appointed a day wherein he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father. In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, but likewise all persons, that have lived upon earth, shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

Song of Confession — Hear My Prayer (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 too much
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 1:17-19

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,¹⁸ 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.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

1. What can wash a - way my sin? no-thing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. For my cleans-ing this I see-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. No - thing can for sin a - tone-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus;
5. Now by this I'll o - ver-come-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? no-thing but the blood of Je - sus.
for my par - don this my plea-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus.
naught of good that I have done-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus.
this is all my righ-teous-ness-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus.
now by this I'll reach my home-- no-thing but the blood of Je - sus.

O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—

no o - ther fount I know, no-thing but the blood of Je - sus.

Song of Response – The Power of the Cross



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the road to
 2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the awe - some
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its ma - ker
 4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through your suf - f'ring

Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 weight of sin. E - v'ry bit - ter thought, e - v'ry e - vil deed,
 bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,

nailed to a cross of wood. (1,2,3). This, the
 crown - ing your blood - stained brow. (4). This, the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 won through your self - less love.

power of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
 power of the cross, Son of God slain for us. What a

blame, bore the wrath, we stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 love, what a cost, we stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

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.

As you come to the table be mindful that all the bread is gluten free, the grape juice is in the outer ring, and the wine is in the inner ring of each tray.

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 Colossians 3:1-4, II Corinthians 1:24, 4:12

Now to you who have died, been buried and have been raised in Christ,
And whose life has been hidden in Christ and who will be revealed with him in glory;
Go, knowing that it is by your faith that you stand firm,
By life that is at work in you.

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.

Lydia Goeglein, missionary to Sofia, Bulgaria, will share during adult Sunday School, November 16, at 9:30. Lydia will also join us for the worship service and Fellowship Lunch. If you are able to provide food, the 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 9 - November 2

Do you have a soul as well as a body?

Yes, and my soul is going to last forever.

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 10/26	\$ 1,961
Giving YTD	\$ 484,131
YTD Budget	\$ 408,095

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,468
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	Christian Ragle
Next Week	Dan Dolan

Greeters

Today	Eston & Reba Norris
Next Week	Holly Kisly

Ministry Support

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

Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Keely Ragle
Next Week	Nancy & Eden Tuuk