

# First Presbyterian Church

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## 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 most high, most glorious, the thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled and distressed, but you are forever at perfect peace. Your designs cause you no fear or care of fulfillment, they stand fast as the eternal hills. Your power knows no bond, your goodness no stint. You bring order out of confusion, and my defeats are your victories: the Lord God omnipotent reigns. I come to you as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to you, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls.

*-The Valley of Vision*

### Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

## Hymn of Praise — O Bless the Lord, My Soul (Psalm 103)



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you\_ pro-claim! And  
2. He will not al-ways chide; he will with pa-tience wait; his  
3. He clothes you with his love; up-holds you with his truth; and  
all that is with-in me join to bless his ho-ly Name! O  
wrath is e-ver slow to rise, and read-y to\_\_ a-bate. He  
like the ea-gle he re-news the vi-gor of\_\_ your youth. Then  
bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear\_\_ in mind! For-  
par-dons all your sins; pro-longs your fee-ble breath; he  
bless his ho-ly Name, whose grace has made you whole, whose  
-get not all his\_ be-ne-fits! The Lord to you\_ is kind.  
heals all your in-firm-i-ties, and ran-soms you\_ from death.  
lov-ing-kind-ness crowns your days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

## Prayer of Adoration



# Hymn of Praise — The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)



1. The King of love my\_ Shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing\_ wa - ter flow, my\_ ran - somed  
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish,\_ oft I stray, but\_ yet in  
 4. In death's dark vale I\_\_\_ fear no ill, with thee, dear  
 5. And so <sup>3</sup> through all the\_ length of days, thy\_ good - ness



fail - eth\_\_\_ ne - ver; I no - thing lack if  
 soul he\_\_\_ lead - eth; and where the ver - dant  
 love he\_\_\_ sought me; and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
 fail - eth\_\_\_ ne - ver; good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, and he is mine for - e - ver.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - e - ver.

## Scripture Reading — Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 23 and 26

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

## 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 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 — Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## Hymn of Rejoicing — Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!  
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich  
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from  
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; Cre -

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own: a -  
wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no  
pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: his  
- a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all

-wake my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and  
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but  
reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet fair  
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou has died for me: thy

hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at my - ste - ries so bright.  
flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.  
praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



**Sermon**

A Good Night's Sleep  
Psalm 3

Ryan Angel

**Sermon Notes:**

## Song of Response – My Soul Find Rest in God Alone

1. My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion; a  
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions; when  
3. I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com-plete - ly; with

for-tress strong a-gainst my foes, and I will not be sha - ken. Though  
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though  
e - v'ry day pour out my soul and he will prove his mer - cy. Though

lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll  
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the  
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my

fix my heart on right-eous-ness; I'll look to him who hears me. Oh\_  
fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.  
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his for - e - ver.

praise him, hal - le - lu - jah! My de - light and my re - ward! E - ver -  
-last - ing, ne - ver fail - ing! My re - deem - er, my God.

## Benediction – From Deuteronomy 33:12 and 1 Corinthians 15:58

Because of our faithful God, as the beloved of the Lord,  
I pray you will rest secure in him  
and know that he will shield you all day long.  
May you be steadfast and immovable,  
abounding in the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord  
your labor is not in vain.

## News and Announcements

Let us love another, please silence your phone.

Mark your calendars for the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7.

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.

Operation Christmas Child filled boxes are due November 16.

Check your mailbox for the November 2025 Directory.

## 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 10 - November 9

What else did God make?

**God made all things.**

## 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 11/2	\$ 11,445
Giving YTD	\$ 495,576
YTD Budget	\$ 417,586

### Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,733
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	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Cecil Smith

## Greeters

Today	Holly Kisly
Next Week	Judy Hawes

## Ministry Support

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

## Nursery

Today	Nancy & Eden Tuuk
Next Week	Laura Powell Brianna Sears