

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

The Lord's day is "God's market-day for the week's provision, wherein he will have us come unto him, and buy of him without silver or money: the Bread of angels, and Water of life, the Wine of the sacraments, and Milk of the Word to feed our souls: tried Gold to enrich our faith: precious Eye Salve to heal our spiritual blindness: and the white Raiment of Christ's righteousness, to cover our filthy nakedness."

-Lewis Bayly from *The Practice of Piety*

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee!
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-vel-ous wis-dom hath made thee,
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - stain - eth!
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
decked thee with health and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
pon - der a - new what the A - might - y will do,
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
if with his love he be - friend thee.
spread - ing his wings to o'er shade thee!
glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — There is a Redeemer

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some lines having blank space for additional lyrics. The score is divided into four systems, each with a new line of music. The first system contains three numbered verses. The second system contains two verses. The third system contains one verse. The fourth system contains one verse. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son, _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names, _____
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see his face, _____

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O, _____ for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for - e - ver, in _____ that ho - ly place.

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son; _____ and

leav - ing your Spi - rit 'til the work on Earth is done.

Scripture Reading — Luke 22:1-16

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover.² And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴ He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”

⁹ They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰ He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 33.3

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will he have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

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

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
**But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.**

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — We Are God's People



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
3. We are the bo - dy of which the Lord is head,
born of his Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our
for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now
called to o - bey him, now ri - sen from the dead; he
cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O
let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O
wills us be a fa - mi - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O
let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that plea - ses heav'n.
let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

Sermon

from firstborn to Firstborn
Exodus 12:1-28

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – All Things New

1. Come, Lord, and tar - ry not; bring the long - looked - for day.
2. Come, for your saints still wait; dai - ly a - scends their cry.
3. Come for cre - a - tion groans, im - pa - tient of your stay,
4. Come for love wax - es cold; its steps are faint and slow.

O why these years of wait - ing here, these a - ges of de - lay?
The Spi - rit and the bride say "come;" do you not hear their
worn out with these long years of ill, these a - ges of de - lay.
Faith is now lost in un - be - lief. Hope's light burns dim and

2.4. cry? O come and make all things new, come and make all things new. O come and low.

make all things new. Build up this ruin - ed Earth; come and make all things new.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff contains four lines of lyrics. The second staff contains three lines of lyrics. The third staff contains two lines of lyrics. The fourth staff contains one line of lyrics. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and note values.

Benediction – From Psalm 90:13-17

Because of the Lord's great compassion,
may you be satisfied with his unfailing love and
sing for joy in all your days, even days with great trouble.
May you remember the great deeds of the Lord,
and may his favor rest upon you,
establishing the work of your hands
as you labor for the splendor of his name.
Amen.

News and Announcements

Let us love another, please silence your phone.

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

Come to the Fellowship Lunch following today's service; let us enjoy a meal together.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, November 20 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.

Thank you for all those who contributed to Operation Christmas Child. If you have an outstanding box, please contact Nancy Schrader.

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 11 - November 16

Why did God make you and all things?

For his own glory.

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 11/9	\$ 2,621
Giving YTD	\$ 498,197
YTD Budget	\$ 427,076

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,283
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	Cecil Smith
Next Week	Robert Kalb

Greeters

Today	Judy Hawes
Next Week	Greg & Lory Wood

Ministry Support

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

Nursery

Today	Laura Powell
	Brianna Sears
Next Week	April Marion
	Reba Norris