

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

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me...

That Christ be with me, Christ behind me and Christ before me,
Christ beside me and Christ in me; Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me and Christ above me; Christ in quiet and Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me; Christ a mighty friend and not a stranger.
I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,
The Great Three in One and One in Three, Amen.

-St. Patrick

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Hymn of Praise — Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your
2. Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4. Frail as Sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - e - ver,
frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us,
it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,
slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him,
res - cues us from all our foes; praise him, praise him,
God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Praise him, praise him,
dwell - ers all in time and space, praise him, praise him,

praise him praise him, praise the e - ver - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of Grace.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Fairest Lord Jesus



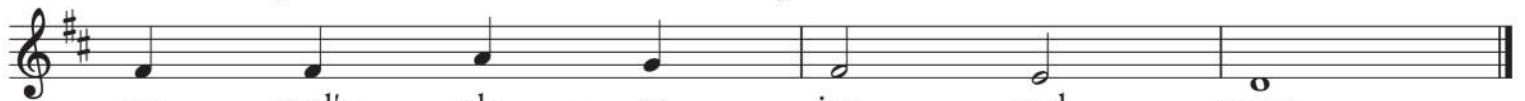
1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of the na - tions!



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the bloom - ing garb of Spring:
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host:
Son of God and Son of Man!



Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than
Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do - ra - tion, now



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
and for - e - ver - more be thine.

Scripture Reading — Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism Questions 69 and 70

How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

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

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed
to be an obedient church:

we have not done your will;
we have broken your law;
we have rebelled against your love;

we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Amazing Grace, vv 1-3



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a_ wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
3. Through ma - ny_ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;



I once_ was lost but now_ am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved.
'tis grace has brought me safe_ thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Baptism

Response to Sacrament of Baptism— Amazing Grace, vv 4-6



4. The Lord has pro-mised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal_ life shall cease,
6. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



he will_ my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
I shall_ pos - sess with - in_ the_ veil a life of joy and peace.
we've no_ less days to sing_ God's praise than when we've first be - gun.

Sermon

Urgency, Provision, & Providence
Exodus 12:29-42

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – There is a Fountain



1. There is a foun-tain filled with blood, drawn from Im-man - uel's veins; and
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun-tain in__ his day; and
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply, re -
5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall ne - ver lose_ it's pow'r, till



sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains: lose
there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way: washed
- deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die; and
all the ran - somed church of God be_ saved to sin no more: be_



all their guilt - y stains,___ lose all their guilt - y___ stains; and
all my sins a - way,___ washed all my sins_ a - way; and
shall be till I die,___ and shall be till_ I___ die; re -
saved to sin no more,___ be saved to sin_ no more; till_



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Benediction – From 1 Kings 8:56-58

May the LORD who has never failed in any of his good promises,
who does not leave or forsake his own,
may he turn your hearts to him, to walk in his ways,
and to keep his commands that he gave our fathers in the faith.

News and Announcements

Let us love another, please silence your phone.

Mark your calendars for the annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7. The meeting will be in the Sanctuary after the worship service. Please bring a sack lunch or snack if needed. Tea and water will be provided.

During the Congregational meeting, members will be asked to vote on Dave Miser and Greg Wood as Deacons, and Eric Larson as Elder, for three-year terms.

First Catechism

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 12 - November 23

How can you glorify God?
By loving him and doing what he commands.

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m. On Break
Women's Monday Theology Study	2:00 p.m.
Men's Thursday Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch	Monthly
Women's Tuesday Bible Study	9:30 a.m. On Break

Giving

General Fund

2025 week 11/16	\$ 11,690
Giving YTD	\$ 509,887
YTD Budget	\$ 436,567

Deacon's Fund

2025 YTD Giving	\$ 9,483
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	Robert Kalb
Next Week	Greg Wood

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Greg & Lory Wood
Next Week	Holly Kisly

Nursery

Today	April Marion Reba Norris
Next Week	Bethany Powell Nancy Tuuk