

# 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

My Dear Lord,  
I depend wholly upon you; wean me from all other dependencies. You are my all, you overrule all and delight in me. You are the foundation of goodness; how can I distrust you or be anxious about what happens to me? In the light of your preciousness the world and all its enjoyments are infinitely poor: I value the favor of men no more than pebbles. Amid the blessings I receive from you may I never lose the heart of a stranger. May I love you, my benefactor, in all my benefits, not forgetting that my greatest danger arises from my advantages.

*-Valley of Vision*

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”**

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

## Hymn of Praise — Holy, Holy, Holy!



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - migh - ty!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!  
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee;  
 Ho - ly, ho ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

## Prayer of Adoration

# Hymn of Praise — All Praise to Him

1. All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the  
 2. All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the  
 3. All praise to him whose pow'r im - parts the love of

moun-tains by his might. All praise to him who names the  
 Son, the Ser-vant King, who left be - hind his glo - rious  
 God with-in our hearts. The Spi - rit of all truth and

stars that sing his fame in skies a - far. All praise to  
 throne to pay the ran - som for his own. All praise to  
 peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness. To Fa - ther,

him who reigns in love, who guides the gal - ax - ies a -  
 him who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and  
 Son, and Spir - it now our souls we lift our wills we

-bove, yet bends to hear our e - v'ry  
 shame, who lived to die, who died to  
 bow. To you, the Tri - une God, we

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prayer, with so - v'reign pow'r and ten - der care.  
 rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.  
 raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

## Scripture Reading — Revelation 1:4-18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.<sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.<sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet<sup>11</sup> saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,<sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.<sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,<sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.<sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

## Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith, 17.1, 17.2

**They whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.**

**This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them; and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which arises also the certainty and infallibility thereof.**

## Song of Confession — I Need Thee

1. I need thee e - v'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord; no  
4. I need thee e - v'ry hour, teach me thy will, and  
ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford. I  
thy rich pro - mi - ses in me ful - fill.  
need thee, O I need thee, e - v'ry hour I need thee; O  
bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

### Hymn of Rejoicing — Grace Unmeasured



1. Grace un-meas-ured, vast and free, that knew me from e - ter - ni - ty, that  
2. Grace a-bound-ing, strong and true that makes me long to be like you, that  
called me out be-fore my birth to bring you glo - ry on this earth.  
turns me from my self - ish pride to love the cross on which you died.  
Grace a - maz - ing, pure and deep, that saw me in my mis - er - y, that  
Grace un-end - ing, all my days, you'll give me strength to run this race, and  
took my curse and owned my blame so I could bear your right-eous name.  
when my years on earth are through, the praise will all be - long to you.  
Grace, grace, grace paid for my sins and brought me to life. Grace, grace,  
grace clothes me with pow'r to do what is right. Grace, grace, grace will lead me to  
heav'n where I'll see your face and ne - ver cease to thank you for your grace.

**Sermon**

Protection, Provision, & Presence  
Exodus 13:17-22

Pastor Andy Aikens

**Sermon Notes:**

## Ordination and Installation

### Song of Response – Take My Life and Let It Be



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways on - ly for my King.
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold.
5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no lon - ger mine.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.



Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise,  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee,  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with mes - sa ges from thee,  
Take my in - tel - lect, and use e - v'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy ro - yal throne,  
Take my self, and I will be e - ver, on - ly, all for thee,



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### 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

With the new year, there are opportunities to serve the families with young children by cleaning toys and nursery spaces. The time commitment is usually once a month for an hour depending on how many folks are in the rotation. If you are interested in serving in this manner, please contact Hope Aikens.

If you like organizing spaces and would like to help organize closets, children's curriculum, and items in the children's library, please see Hope Aikens. Time commitment is flexible.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Monthly financial information will be provided beginning with the February 2026 newsletter. A printed copy of the January 2026 newsletter is available on the table 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 19 - January 11

Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

**No. Our hearts must be changed before we can believe in Jesus and go to heaven.**

## 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. On Break

## 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  
Eric Larson, RE '28  
Jim Sparks RE '26  
Richard Parks RE '27  
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

## Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '28  
John Reed '26  
Mike Tuuk '27  
Greg Wood '28

## Staff

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

## Security Team

Today	Bob Kalb
Next Week	Dan Dolan

## Ministry Support

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

## Greeters

Today	Eston & Reba Norris
Next Week	Bill & Fran Allbright

## Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Keely Ragle
Next Week	Piper Larson Reba Norris