

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

O Lord God, as we worship you this morning, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the grace of Jesus, incline our hearts to your testimonies and open our eyes to behold wondrous things in your law. Unite our hearts to fear your name and satisfy us with your steadfast love that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

-Psalm 119:36, 119:18, 86:11, 90:14

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-6

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

Hymn of Praise — O Father, You Are Sovereign

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - 'reign in all the worlds you made; your
2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - 'reign in all af - fairs of man; no
3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - 'reign, the Lord of hu - man pain, trans-
4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - 'reign! We see you dim - ly now, but

might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed. Your
pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan. All
-mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain. All
soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's e - v'ry knee shall bow. With

voice com-mands the sea - sons, and bounds the o - cean's shore, sets
chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space, you
e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con-qu'ror could, your
this glad hope be - fore— us our faith springs up a - new: our

stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
love pur - sues its pur - pose, our souls' e - ter - nal good.
sov - 'reign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Across the Lands

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the
3. With a shout you rose, vic-tor-ious, wrest-ling vic-tory from the

-gan; e-v'ry star and e-v'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by your
lost, and ex-changed the joy of Hea-ven for the an-guish of the
grave, and a-scend-ed in-to Hea-ven lead-ing cap-tives in your

hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-geth-er by the pow-er of your
cross. With a prayer you fed the hun-gry, with a word, you stilled the
wake. Now you stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for your

voice. Let the skies de-clare your glo-ry, let the land and seas re-
sea, yet how si-lent-ly you suf-fered that the guil-ty may go
own; from each tribe and tongue and na-tion, you are lead-ing sin-ners

-joice.
free. You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, you're the Lord of e-v'ry
home.

man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith, 14.1, 14.3

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word; by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Song of Confession — Be Still My Soul



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;—
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take—
bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide—
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let no - thing shake;
In e - v'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
all now my - ste - rious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: your best, your hea - v'ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
through thor - ny ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.

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 — Ephesians 1:13-14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



just to rest up - on his pro - mise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, O for grace to trust him more!

Sermon

Glory and Knowledge
Exodus 14:1-31

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pre - sence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

-pas - ions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - e - ver wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
hand hath pro - vid - ed Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Benediction – from Psalm 91:14-16

For those who hold fast to the Lord Most High in love,
may he deliver you and protect you.
When you call to him,
may he answer you, be with you, rescue, and honor you;
and with long life may he satisfy you
and show you his salvation.

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.

The Thursday evening women's study of RC Sproul's *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith* begins on January 22, 6-7 p.m. A sign up sheet is in the hallway.

Women of all ages are invited to a New Year brunch on Saturday, February 7 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and make new friends and learn how you may serve. A sign up sheet is 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 20 - January 18

What is this change of heart called?

The new birth, or regeneration.

Who can change a sinner's heart?

The Holy Spirit alone.

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

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	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Orville Ennis & Cole Mayhugh

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Bill & Fran Allbright
Next Week	Sherry & Joyce Nichols

Nursery

Today	Piper Larson Reba Norris
Next Week	Jenae Larson Piper Larson