

# 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

You, Lord, have become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all! In you does my soul rejoice. The darkness vanished from before my eyes, and I beheld you, the sun of righteousness. When I loved darkness, I knew you not, but wandered on from night to night. But you led me out of that blindness; you took me by the hand and called me to yourself, and now I can thank you, and your mighty voice which has penetrated to my inmost heart. Amen.

-Augustine

### Call to Worship

Psalm 76:1-9

In Judah God is known;  
his name is great in Israel.

<sup>2</sup> His abode has been established in Salem,  
his dwelling place in Zion.

<sup>3</sup> There he broke the flashing arrows,  
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> Glorious are you, more majestic  
than the mountains full of prey.

<sup>5</sup> The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;  
they sank into sleep;

all the men of war  
were unable to use their hands.

<sup>6</sup> At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
both rider and horse lay stunned.

<sup>7</sup> But you, you are to be feared!  
Who can stand before you  
when once your anger is roused?

<sup>8</sup> From the heavens you uttered judgment;  
the earth feared and was still,

<sup>9</sup> when God arose to establish judgment,  
to save all the humble of the earth. *Selah*

## Hymn of Praise — God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (Psalm 145)

1. God, my King, thy might con-fess - ing, e - ver will I bless thy name; day by  
2. They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and great-ness dwell, speak of  
3. Full of kind-ness and com-pas - sion, slow to an - ger, vast in love, God is

day thy throne ad - dress - ing, still will I thy praise pro-claim. Ho - nor  
thy great acts the sto - ry, and thy deeds of won - der tell. Nor shall  
good to all cre - a - tion; all his works his good-ness prove. All thy

great our God be - fit - eth; who his ma - jes - ty can reach? Age to  
fail from mem - 'ry's trea - sure works by love and mer - cy wrought: works of  
works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints a - dore. King su -

age his works trans - mit - teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.  
love sur - pass - ing mea - sure, works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.  
preme shall they con - fess thee, and pro - claim thy so - v'reign pow'r.

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn of Praise — Jesus Shall Reign (Psalm 72)



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does it suc - cess - ive jour - neys run;
2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris' - ner leaps to lose his chains.
3. Peo - ple and realms of \_ e - v'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweet - est song,
4. Let e - v'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless - ing and ho - nor to our King.



his king - dom stretch from shore to \_ shore, 'til suns shall rise and set no more.  
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of  
and in - fant voi - ces \_ shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings  
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the



want are blessed. To our King be high - est praise, ris - ing through e ter - nal days!  
on his name.  
loud a - men!



Just and faith - ful, he shall reign; Je - sus shall reign!



## **Scripture Reading — Revelation 21:1-5a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

## **Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 26**

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 — 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

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.  
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and our small lives.  
Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power  
and squandering your gifts.

**We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,  
has resulted in shallow confession,  
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.  
Have mercy upon us  
In Jesus' name.**

## Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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

## Hymn of Rejoicing — His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us! His

ni - scient, all know - ing he counts not their sum. Thrown  
Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment; his life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; our  
stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver a - ford;

sins they are man - y; his mer - cy is more. Praise the

Lord! His mer - cy is more!

Strong - er than dark - ness, new e - v'ry morn; our  
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sins, they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.



**Sermon**

Fear and Faith  
Exodus 14:15-31

Pastor Andy Aikens

**Sermon Notes:**

## Song of Response – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
 2. O - pen now the cry - stal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand;  
 let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through;  
 death of death and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Ca-naan's side;

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
 songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will e - ver give to thee,

feed me til I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will e - ver give to thee.

## 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

Women of all ages are invited to a New Year brunch on Saturday, February 7 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up sheet is in the hallway.

Please check your mailbox for your 2025 Giving Statement.

## 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 21 - January 25

How, then, can you be saved?

**By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.**

## **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	Orville Ennis & Cole Mayhugh
Next Week	Kevin Wyson & Gary Thompson

## **Ministry Support**

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

## **Greeters**

Today	Sherry & Joyce Nichols
Next Week	Faith Ralph & Judy Hawed

## **Nursery**

Today	Jenae Larson Piper Larson
Next Week	Isabelle Powell Brianna Ragle