

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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
Dear Name! the Rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.
O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

- John Newton

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn of Praise — I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise, that
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; he
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes thy glo - ries known; and

spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies. I
formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good. Lord,
clouds a - rise and tem - pest blow by or - der from thy throne; while

sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day; the
how thy won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye: if
all that bor - rows life from thee is e - ver in thy care, and

moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
e - v'ry - where that man can be, thou, God, art pre - sent there.

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 — Revelation 22:12-17

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only-begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King; the Head and Saviour of his Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world; unto whom he did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Song of Confession — Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down. By the broken law convicted, through the cross, behold the crown. Look to Jesus. Mercy flows through him alone.

Pastoral Prayer

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy for us to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep for us to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Assurance of Pardon — Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

2. Take his ea - sy yoke and wear it;
3. Bless ed are the eyes that see him;
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry,

love will make o - be - dience sweet.
blessed the ears that hear his voice.
light to new ly op - ened eyes,

Christ will give you strength to bear it
Bless ed are the souls that trust him
or full springs in de - serts drea - ry

while his wis - dom guides your feet
and in him a - lone re - joice.
is the rest the cross sup - plies.

safe to glo - ry, where his
His com - mand - - ments then be-
All who taste it shall to

ran - somed cap - - tives meet.
come their hap - - py choice.
rest im - mor - - tal rise.

Sermon

The Lord Prevails and the People Prays
Exodus 15:1-22

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Serving of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ, to come forward to the table.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You may use the lyrics of the hymns as well as the Scriptures to guide your praying.

As you come to the table be mindful that all the bread is gluten free, the grape juice is in the outer ring, and the wine is in the inner ring of each tray.

Song of Response — How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - si - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r thro'-out the u - ni - verse dis-played.
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin. Then sings my
- ra - tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art.

soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my
soul, my Sav-ior God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Benediction — From Psalm 73:23-24, 26

Because of the covenant love of our Lord,
may you know you are held by God's right hand,
guided by his counsel, and will be taken to glory.
Your heart and flesh may fail,
but God is your strength and portion forever.

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 22 - February 1

How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?

Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.

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

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

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

Security Team

Today	Kevin Wyson & Gary Thompson
Next Week	Aubry Lewis

Greeters

Today	Faith Ralph & Judy Hawes
Next Week	Gary & Patti Thompson

Nursery

Today	Isabelle Powell
	Brianna Ragle
Next Week	Hope Aikens
	Eden Tuuk