

First Presbyterian Church

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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

Sin, our nature, demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in the darkness, it was necessary to bring us the Light; captives, we awaited a Savior; prisoners, Help; slaves, a Liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?

-Gregory of Nyssa

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Hymn of Praise — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee!
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-vel-ous wis-dom hath made thee,
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - stain - eth!
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
decked thee with health and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
pon - der a - new what the A - might - y will do,
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
if with his love he be - friend thee.
spread - ing his wings to o'er shade thee!
glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise, the
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free; his
5. He speaks and list' - ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive; the
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loo-sen'd tongues em - ploy; ye



glo - ries of my God and King, the_ tri-umphs of his grace.
spread through all the earth a - broad the_ ho - nors of thy name.
mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis_ life and health and peace.
blood can make the foul - est clean, his_ blood a - vailed for me.
mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the_ hum - ble poor be - lieve.
blind, be - hold your Sa - vior come; and_ leap, ye lame, for joy.

Scripture Reading — John 4:5-24

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Profession of Faith — Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

³ **He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Song of Confession — Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted

Come, ye souls_ by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with fruit - less
sor - row down. By the brok - en law con - vict - ted,_
through the cross,_ be - hold_ the crown. Look to
Je - sus. Mer - cy flows_ through him a - lone.

The musical score is written in a single system with four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff features a more melodic line with some notes held for longer durations. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a final cadence.

Pastoral Prayer

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.

**But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.**

Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

**In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 2:22-25

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Jesus Paid It All



1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small, child of
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r, and yours a - lone, can
3. For no - thing good have I where - by your grace to claim - I'll
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete, "Je - sus
weak - ness watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
change the le - pers spots, and melt the heart of stone.
wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal' - vy's Lamb.
died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.
Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crim - son strain, he washed it white as snow.

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 — Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each ha - bi - ta - tion ho - v'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sa - vior, if of Zi - on's ci - ty I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
for a - glo - ry and a co - v'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de - ride or pi - ty, I will glo - ry in thy name:



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint, while such a ri - ver e - ver flows their thirst t'as - suage?
thus de - ri - ving from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fa - ding is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the gi - ver, ne - ver fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
so - lid joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Benediction – From I 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

Women of all ages, there is an opportunity for serving the body of Christ this year. Check out the website for more information or pick up a description of teams forming now. Information is in the hallway near the back door.

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 23 - February 8

What kind of life did Christ live on earth?
A life of obedience, service, and suffering.

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	Aubrey Lewis
Next Week	Bill Allbright

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Gary & Patti Thompson
Next Week	Terri Fleck & Janene Walker

Nursery

Today	Brianna Ragle Eden Tuuk
Next Week	Ivy Pacana April Stewart