

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

The Lord's day is "God's market-day for the week's provision, wherein He will have us come unto him, and buy of him without silver or money: the Bread of angels, and Water of life, the Wine of the sacraments, and Milk of the Word to feed our souls: tried Gold to enrich our faith: precious Eye Salve to heal our spiritual blindness: and the white Raiment of Christ's righteousness, to cover our filthy nakedness."

-Lewis Bayly from *The Practice of Piety*

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Praise — Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah! O__ my soul, Je - ho - vah praise!
2. Hap - py is the man_ who choo - ses Is - rael's God to be his aid!
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets_ the mourn - ing pris' - ner free,
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah! O__ my soul, Je - ho - vah praise!



I will sing the glo - ri - ous prai - ses of__ my God through all my days!
He is blessed whose hope_ of bless - ing on__ the Lord his God is__ stayed.
rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to_ see.
I will sing the glo - ri - ous prai - ses of__ my God through all my days!



Put no con - fi - dence in prin - ces, nor for help on man de - pend.
Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain.
Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, and the strang - er_ he__ be - friends,
O - ver all,_ God reigns for - e - ver; through all a - ges he__ is King.



He shall die, to dust_ re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es__ shall end.
He de - li - vers from op - press - ion: right - eous - ness he will main - tain.
helps the fa - ther - less__ and wi - dow, judge - ment on__ the wick - ed_ sends.
Un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; Cre -



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own: a -
wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no
pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: his
- a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all



-wake my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet fair
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou has died for me: thy



hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at my - ste - ries so bright.
flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.
praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Reading — John 6:22-40

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone.²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1, 5.7

God, the great Creator of all things, does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible fore-knowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

As the providence of God does, in general, reach to all creatures, so, after a most special manner, it takes care of his Church, and disposes all things to the good thereof.

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 on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed the devices
and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.**

Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name.**

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 10:9-13

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast.
3. For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.

When the temp - ter would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sa - tis - fied; he will hold me fast.

I could ne - ver keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; his pro - mi - ses shall last.
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast,

for my love is of - ten cold. He must hold me fast.
Bought by him at such a cost; he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight; when he comes at last.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;

for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Sermon

Meat and Bread
Exodus 16:1-36

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — Our God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - cieved her frame, from
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an e - v'ning gone; short
5. The bu - sy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are
6. Time, like an e - ver - roll - ing stream, bears all its sons a - way; they
7. Our God, our help in a - gest past, our hope for years to come: O



shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
- fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
e - ver - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing sun.
car - ried down - ward by your flood, and lost in fol - l'wing years.
fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - p'ning day.
be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

News and Announcements

A New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, March 8–29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway as well as a copy of *Living Stones: Why Membership Matters* for you to take.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, February 19 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.

The women's Tuesday morning Bible study of *Esther: The Hidden Hand of God* by Lydia Brownback is March 17 – June 2, 9:30 - 11 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up sheet and books are in the hallway. The cost is \$10.

Women of all ages, there is an opportunity for serving the body of Christ this year. Sign up sheets are in the hallway near the back door. For additional information, contact Hope Aikens.

YAH Group – “Young at Heart” is a new ministry for our women in their 80s and above. We will meet the first Thursday of each month at local restaurants for fellowship, encouragement and to ponder a spiritual truth. The first meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. March 5 at Casa Grande in Fairfield Glade. There are flyers on the table in the hallway with more information. For questions or to sign up, contact Pat Duck.

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 24 - February 15

What kind of death did Jesus die?

The painful and shameful death of the cross.

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. Begins March 17

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	Kevin Wyson
Next Week	Christian Ragle

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Terri Fleck & Janene Walker
Next Week	John & Jill deGrassie

Nursery

Today	Ivy Pacana April Stewart
Next Week	Jenae Larson Robyn Mayhugh