

First Presbyterian Church

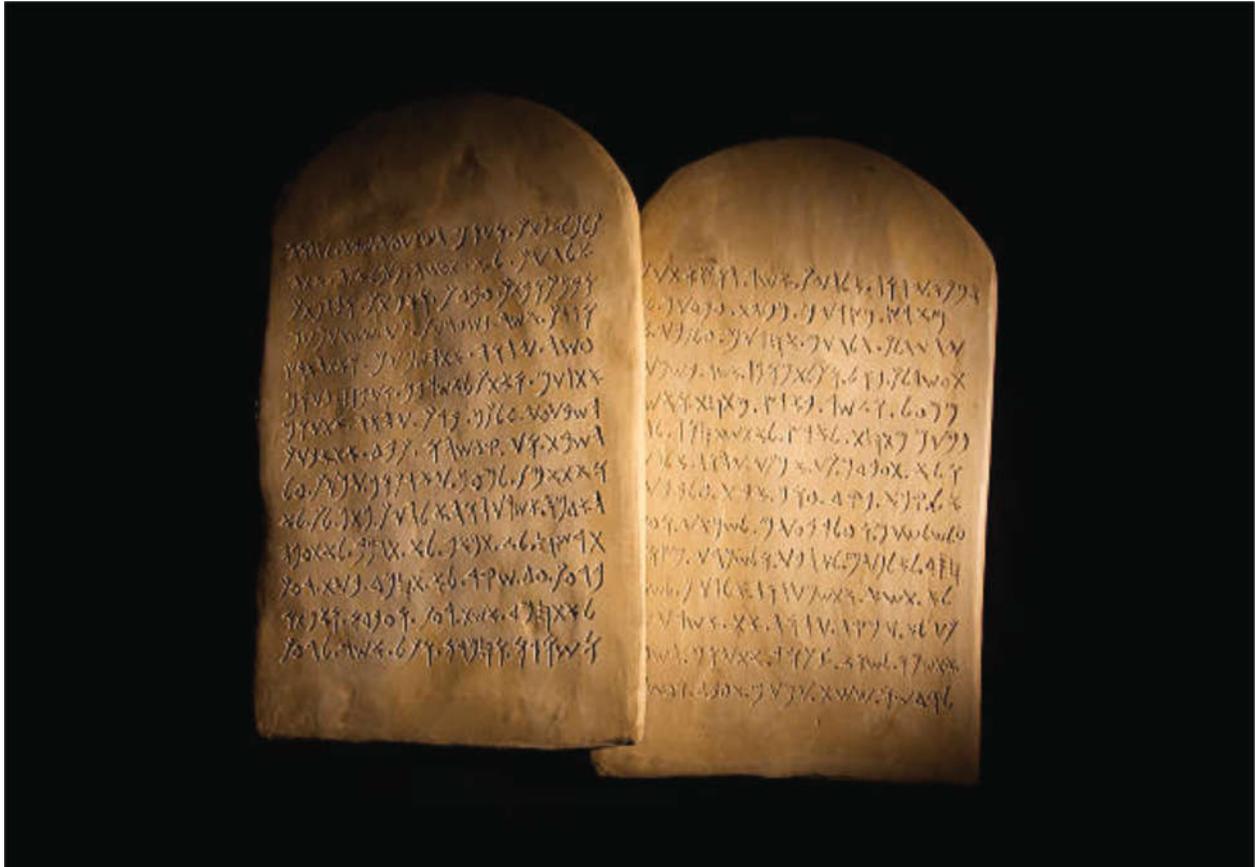
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory, and the skies display the work of your hands. Your eternal power and divine essence can be clearly seen and understood through your creation. Grant that we may see this glory today and not be counted with those who say there is no God. May we, because of your gracious intervention, come to believe that you are, that you save sinners, and that you bountifully reward those who diligently seek you.

-Psalm 14:1, 19:1, Romans 1:20, Hebrews 11:6

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Hymn of Praise — O Give the LORD Whole-Hearted Praise



1. O give the Lord whole-heart-ed praise. To him, thanks-giv-ing I will
2. The won-drous works that God has wrought, his peo-ple e-ver keep in
3. His works are true and just in-deed; his pre-cepts are for-e-ver



bring; with all his peo-ple I will raise my voice and of his glo-ry sing.
mind; his works with grace and mer-cy fraught, re-veal-ing that the Lord is kind.
sure. In truth and right-eous-ness de-creed, they shall for-e-ver-more en-dure.



His saints de-light to search and trace his might-y works and won-drous ways.
God's pro-mise shall for-e-ver stand; he cares for those who trust his word.
From him, his saints' re-demp-tion came; his cov-'nant sure, no change can know.
4. In re-v'rence and in god-ly fear man finds the gate to wis-dom's ways;



Ma-jest-ic glo-ry, bound-less grace, and right-eous-ness his work dis-plays.
Up-on his saints, his might-y hand the wealth of na-tions has con-ferred.
Let all re-vere his ho-ly name in heav'n a-bove and Earth be-low.
The wise his ho-ly name re-vere; through end-less a-ges sound his praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art



1. I greet thee, who my sure re deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,
 5. Our hope is in no o - ther save in thee;



my on - ly trust and Sa - vior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in e - v'ry place:
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness:
 our faith is built up - on thy pro - mise free;



who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 O com - fort us in death's ap - proach - ing hour,
 make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
 O grant to us such strong - er hope and sure



I pray thee, from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 strong - heart - ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 and e - ver stay in thy sweet u - ni - ty.
 that we can bold - ly con - quer and en - dure.

Scripture Reading — Matthew 17:1-8

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 21 and 25

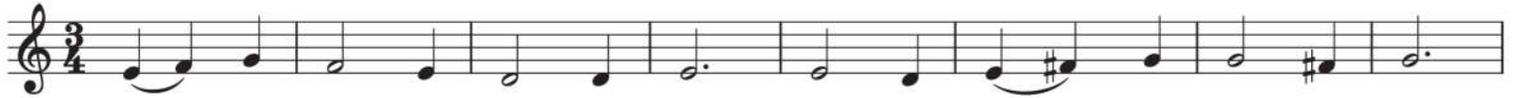
Who is the redeemer of God’s elect?

The only redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Song of Confession — Hear My Words (Psalm 5)



1. Hear my words, O gra - cious Lord; to my thoughts, at - ten - tive be.
2. With the morn - ing light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice a - rise,
3. Thou art ho - ly, O my God; thou de - light - est not in sin.
4. In the full - ness of thy grace, to thy house I will re - pair;



Hear my cry, my King, my God; I will make my prayer to thee.
and ex - pec - tant I will bring pray - er as morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
E - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy fa - vor win.
bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place, lost in love I wor - ship there.

Prayer of Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Hymn of Illumination — Blessed Assurance



1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight; an-gels de-
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest; watch-ing and



-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. This is my
scend-ing, bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my



sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior, all the day long.

Sermon

Immanent and Transcendent
Exodus 19:7-15

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — All Praise to Him



1. All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the moun - tains by his
2. All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the Ser - vant
3. All praise to him whose pow'r im-parts the love of God with-in our



might. All praise to him who names the stars, that sing his fame in skies a -
King, who left be-hind his glo-rious throne to pay the ran-som for his
hearts. The Spi - rit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li -



-far. All praise to him who reigns in love, who guides the gal - ax - ies a -
own. All praise to him who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and
-ness. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we lift, our wills we



-bove, yet bends to hear our e - v'ry prayer, with so-v'reign pow'r and ten-der care.
shame, who lived to die, who died to rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
bow. To you, the Tri - une God, we raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

Benediction – From Psalm 90:14, 16-17

May God satisfy you with his steadfast love
and make you glad throughout all your days;
may he show you his work and glorious power,
and may his favor be upon you
and establish the work of your hands.

News and Announcements

Join us for the Fine Arts School of Music Concert in the library at noon on Wednesday, March 25.

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.

The First Fellowship Dinner of 2026 is today after the service.

Holy Week Services will be Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 6:30 pm.

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 29 - March 22

What must you do to be saved?

I must repent of my sin and believe in Christ my Savior.

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 and Paul Folta
Next Week	Mike McCrabb

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Mike and Nancy Tuuk
Next Week	Herb and Judy Vroegindewey

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Isabelle Powell
Next Week	Hope Aikens Brianna Ragle