

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, you are the foundation and fountain of all being and all beauty, from you all is perfectly derived, upon you all is most absolutely and perfectly dependent; from you and through you and to you is all being and all perfection; your being and beauty is as it were the sum and comprehension of all existence and excellence, much more than the sun is the fountain and summary comprehension of all light and brightness of the day—to you, O God, be all praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength forever and ever.

-Jonathan Edwards

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Glory Be to God the Father



1. Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; Glo-ry
2. Glo-ry be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain! Glo-ry
3. Glo-ry to the King of an - gels; glo - ry to the church 's King; Glo-ry
4. "Glo-ry bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Hon-or,

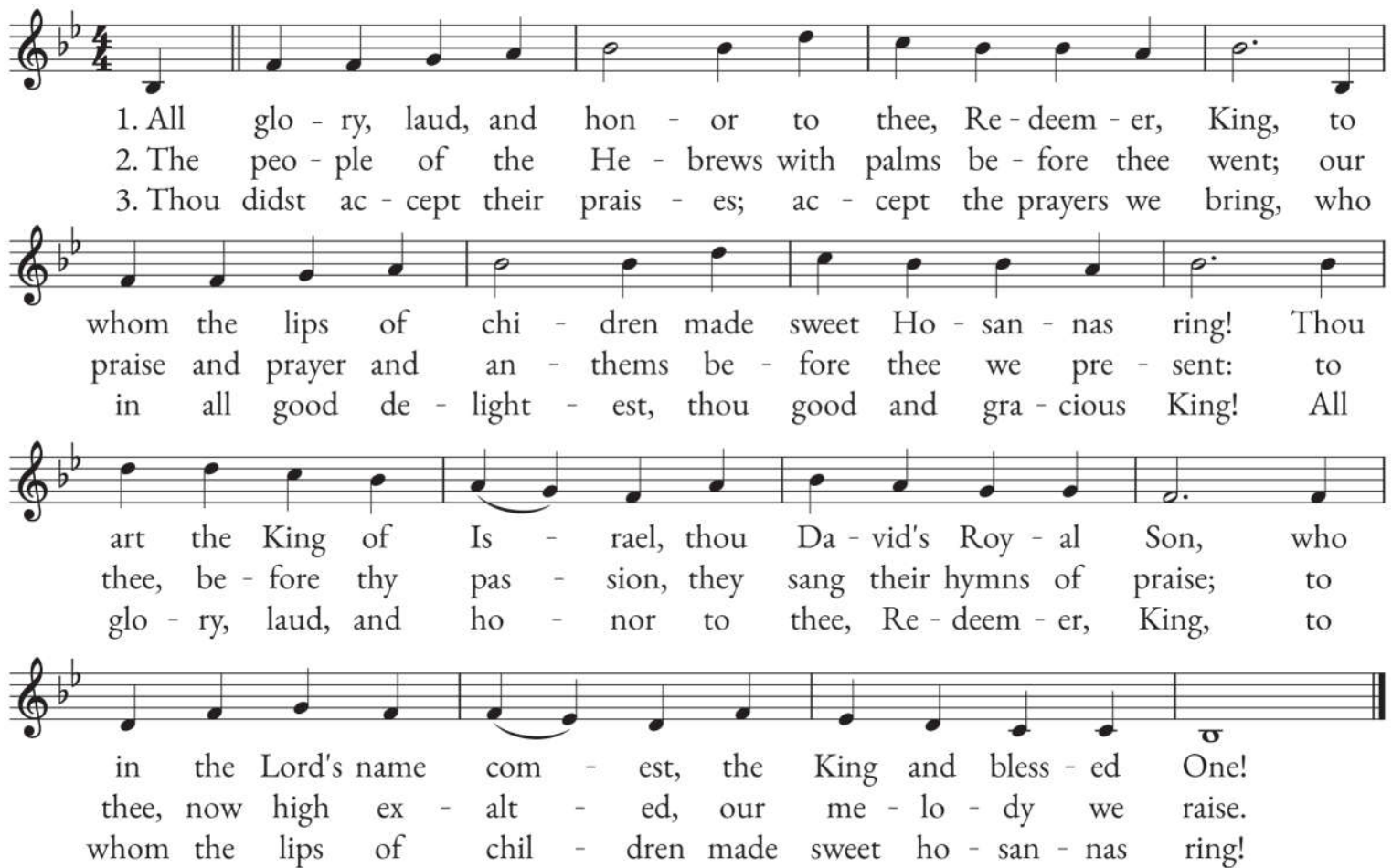


be to God the Spi - rit, Great Je - ho - vah, three in one! Glo - ry,
be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
to the King of na - tions! Heav'n and Earth, your prai-ses bring! Glo - ry,
rich - es, pow'r, do min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings! Glo - ry,



glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to the King of glo - ry bring!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of Kings!

Hymn of Praise — All Glory, Laud, and Honor



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who
whom the lips of chi - dren made sweet Ho - san - nas ring! Thou
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent: to
in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King! All
art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's Roy - al Son, who
thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
glo - ry, laud, and ho - nor to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to
in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - lo - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Scripture Reading — Revelation 1:1-8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

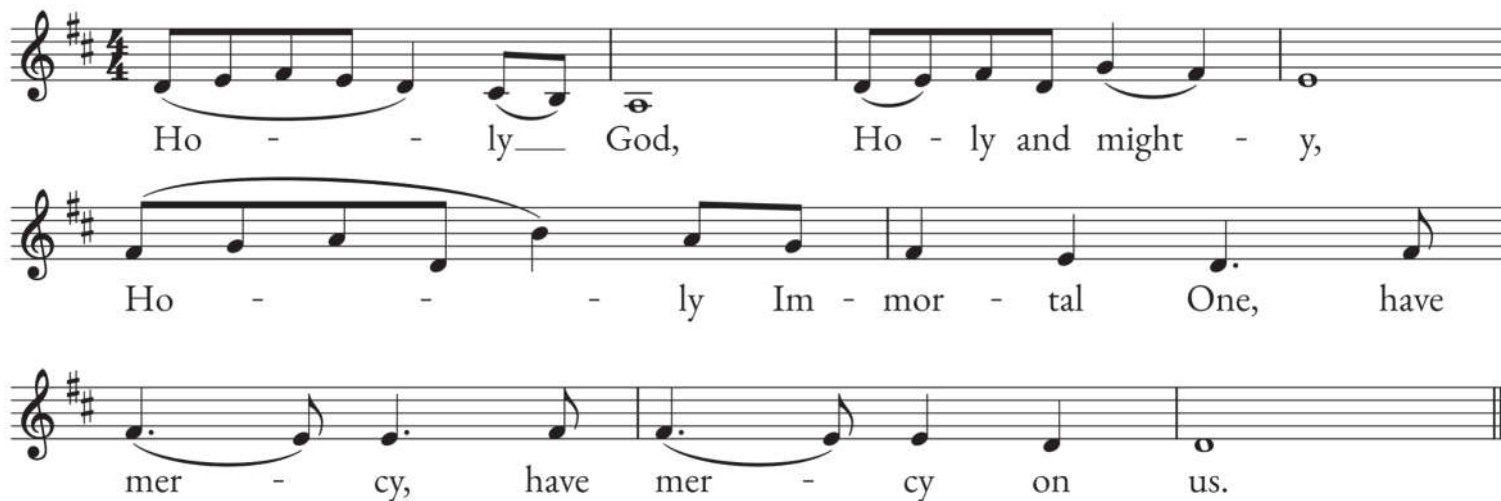
⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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 — The Trisagion



Ho - - ly — God, Ho - ly and might - y,
Ho - - - ly Im - mor - tal One, have
mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Prayer of Confession

Father, I plead Jesus' blood to pay my debts of wrong.
Accept his worthiness for my unworthiness,
his sinlessness for my transgressions,
his purity for my uncleanness,
his sincerity for my duplicity,
his truth for my deceits,
his meekness for my pride,
his constancy for my backslidings,
his love for my hatred,
his fullness for my emptiness,
his faithfulness for my disloyalty,
his obedience for my lawlessness,
his glory for my shame,
his devotedness for my waywardness,
his holy life for my impure ways,
his righteous faithfulness for my faithless works,
his death for my life.

Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

Song of Rejoicing — The King in All His Beauty

1. O lift your eyes to Hea-ven, see the Ho - ly One e - ter - nal. Be-
2. Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splin - ters. The
3. Now see the Sa - vior lift - ed up, the Lamb who reigns in splen - dor. The

hold the Lord of ma - jes - ty, ex - al - ted in his tem - ple. As
sa - cri - fice for ru - ined man, the sub - sti-tute for sin - ners. As
hope of e - v'ry tribe and tongue, his king - dom is for - e - ver. Bring

sym - pho - nies of an - gels praise now strain to sound his glo - ry. Come
earth is stained with ro - yal blood, and quakes with love and fu - ry. He
praise and ho - nor to his courts. Bring wis - dom, po - wer, bless - ing. For

wor - ship, fall be - fore his grace, the King in all_ his beau - ty. How
breathes his last and bows his head, the King in all_ his beau - ty.
end - less a - ges we'll a - dore the King in all_ his beau - ty.

wor - thy, how wor - thy, how wor - thy, the
King in all_ his beau - ty.

Sermon

King Jesus
Matthew 21:1-17

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — May the Peoples Praise You



1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to your glo - rious light, that
2. May our e - v'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our strife with
3. All the earth is yours and all with - in, each har - vest is your own. And
4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard. May
5. This our ho - ly pri - v'lege to de - clare your prais - es and your name to



we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. May the
 bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.
 from your hand we give to you, to make Christ known.
 songs of praise build lives of grace to spread your word.
 e - v'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue your church pro - claims.



peo - ples praise you; let the na - tions be glad! All your bless - ing comes that



we may praise, may praise the name of Je - sus. sus.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - might - y.



Wor - thy wor - thy is the lamb who was slain.



All cre - a - tion praise your glo - ri - ous name. May the

Benediction – From Psalm 2:6, 11-12

May God who set his King on Zion, his holy hill,
Grant us grace to serve him with fear.
Teach us to rejoice with trembling,
so that in the sweetness of our salvation
we may kiss the Son,
for his anger has been turned away,
and his quickly kindled wrath satisfied in his Cross.
In this grace may we be blessed;
we who take refuge in him.
Amen.

News and Announcements

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 YAH Group will meet for lunch on Thursday, April 2 at 12:00 noon @ Willows in Fairfield Glade. Please let Pat Duck know whether or not you will be able to attend so she can make reservations. If you have any questions, call Pat Duck.

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

Families with preteens and teens are invited to a gathering on Saturday, April 11. Come at 4 p.m. to the CEC prepared to get to know each other better and play ping pong, do a scavenger hunt, and eat together.

There will be a Congregational Meeting after the morning worship on April 12 to hear about the process of calling an associate pastor and electing a pulpit committee.

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 30 - March 29

How do you repent of your sin?

I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and forsake it.

What does it mean to believe in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.

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

Ministry Support

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

Security Team

Today	Mike McCrabb
Next Week	Cecil Smith

Greeters

Today	Herb and Judy Vroegindewey
Next Week	David and Karen Phillips

Nursery

Today	Hope Aikens Brianna Ragle
Next Week	Jenae Larson Ivy Pacana