

First Presbyterian Church

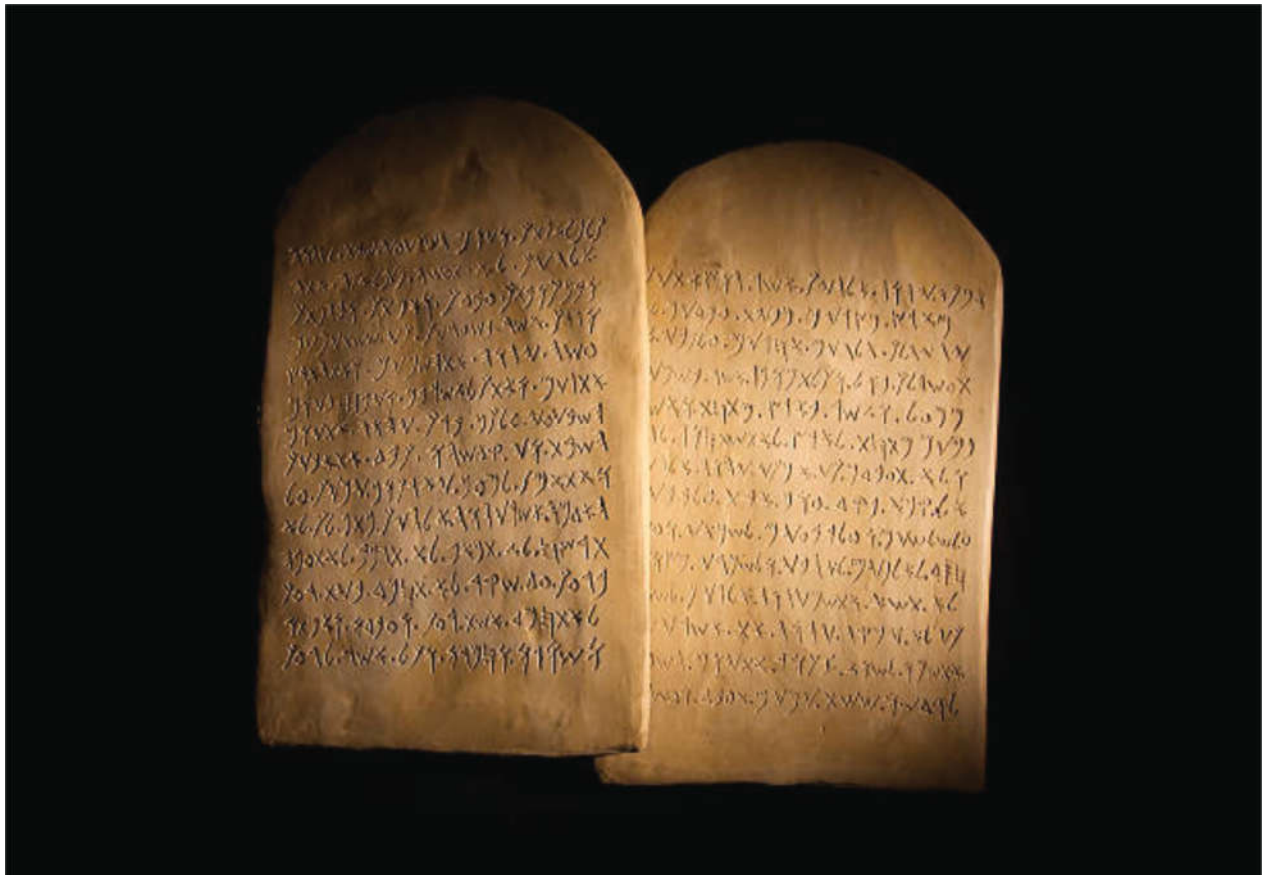
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand your Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing to your majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

H. Zwingli

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-11,14

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory



1. God all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - claim thy might;
2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
3. But our sins have spoiled thine i - mage; na - ture con - science on - ly serve
4. God of glo - ry, po - wer, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion prais - es thee;



or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens or - dered course of day and night;
ru - ler of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, i - mage of thy ma - jes - ty.
as un - ceas - ing, grim re - min - ders of the wrath which we de - serve.
we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee now and through e - ter - ni - ty.



beau - ty in the chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing seas;
Mu - sic art, the fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,
Yet thy grace and sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed
Saved to mag - ni - fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;



all the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.
are the call - ing of his Ma - ker to the har - vest feast of praise.
claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.
with our acts as with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

Hymn of Praise — Only a Holy God



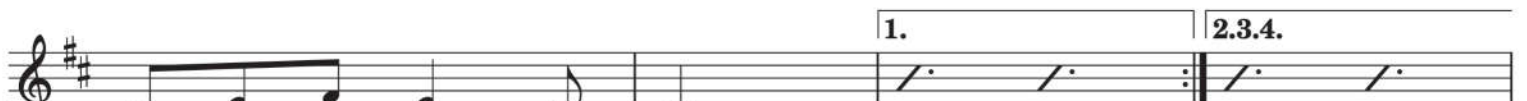
1. Who else com - mands all the host of heav - en?___
 2. What o - ther beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?___
 3. What o - ther glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?___
 4. Who else can res - cue me from my fail - ing?___



Who else could make e - v'ry king bow down?
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun?
 What oth - er po - wer can raise the dead?
 Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles?___
 What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice?___
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed?___
 Who else in - vites_ me to call him Fa - ther?___



On - ly a Ho - ly God.



Come and be - hold him, the One and the On - ly.



Cry out sing ho - ly, for - e - ver a Ho - ly



God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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 CityAlight Music

Scripture Reading — Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”³² And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.”³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 19.5

The moral law does forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that, not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it. Neither does Christ, in the gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.

Song of Confession — Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am who - lly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I ne - ver die,

that I may love as thou dost love, and do— what thou wouldst do.
un - til my will is one with thine, to do— and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come confessing:

You have commanded us to have no gods before you
And yet we have worshiped the creature rather than the Creator

O Lord, forgive us.

You have commanded us not to bow down or serve any image we have made
And yet we have erected monuments, statues, businesses, houses and many things with our
own hands to our own glory.

O Lord, forgive us.

You have commanded us not to take your name in vain
And yet we have used your name carelessly, casually, with no reverence or fear.

O Lord, forgive us.

You have commanded us to keep the Sabbath holy
And yet we treat it like any other day, at times considering worship a chore and not a delight.

**O Lord, forgive us, and teach us to follow your commands; make us grateful for your
steadfast love that you have shown to your children, those who love you and obey you.**

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 10:5-9

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ 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.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in



song. This cor - ner-stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com-



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
 -mands my de - sti - ny. No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort -
 died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied; for e - v'ry
 - ry, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me; for I am
 man, can e - ver pluck me from his hand; till he re -



D.S. al Fine

- er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

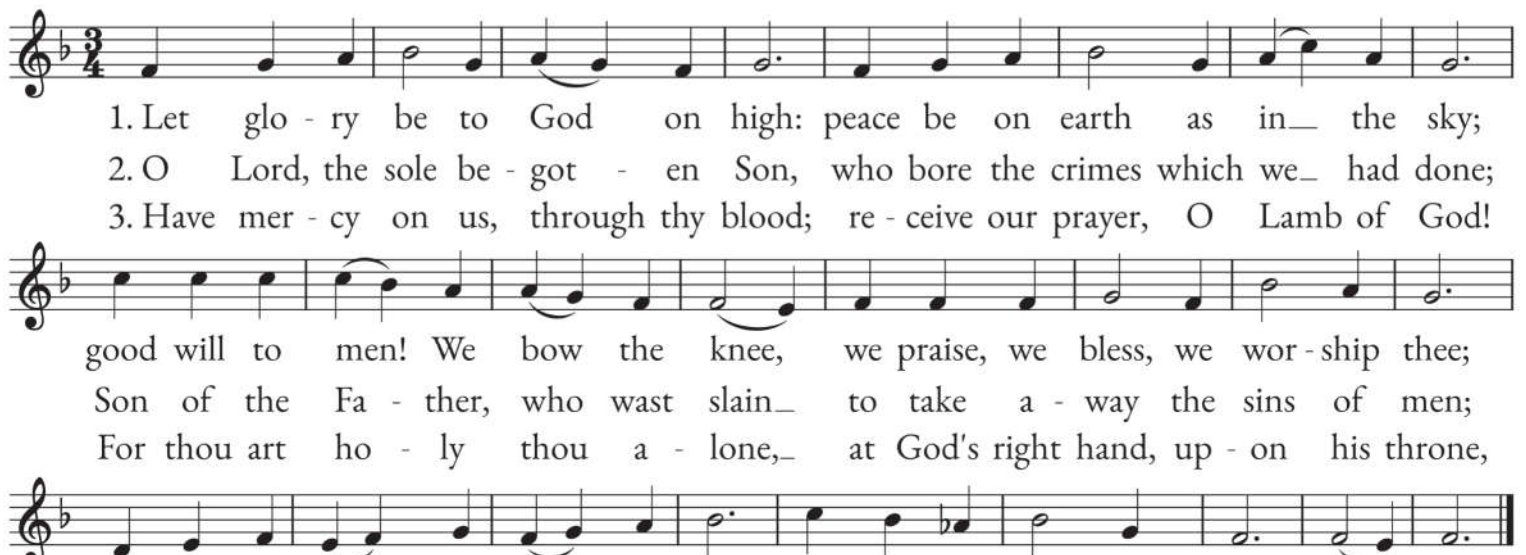
Sermon

The Commands of the LORD
Exodus 20:1-11

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — Let Glory Be to God on High



1. Let glo - ry be to God on high: peace be on earth as in_ the sky;
2. O Lord, the sole be - got - en Son, who bore the crimes which we_ had done;
3. Have mer - cy on us, through thy blood; re - ceive our prayer, O Lamb of God!

good will to men! We bow the knee, we praise, we bless, we wor - ship thee;
Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain_ to take a - way the sins of men;
For thou art ho - ly thou a - lone,_ at God's right hand, up - on his throne,

we give thee thanks, thy name we sing, Al-might-y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly_ King!
O Lamb of God whose blood was spilt for all the world, and all its_ guilt.
in all his glo - ry, art_ a-dored, with thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

Benediction – Based on 2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved,
take care that you are not carried away
with the error of lawless people
and lose your own stability.
But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now
and to the day of eternity. Amen.

News and Announcements

Plateau Pregnancy Services Annual Fundraising Banquet is Thursday, May 7, at 6 pm. Attendance is free, there is an opportunity to support PPS during the event. A sign up sheet is on the hallway table. Please come and support the important service to our community.

Children under the age of 5 may be cared for in the nursery/preschool wing during congregational worship. There is time made for reading good books, learning a Bible verse or the catechism, singing, and hearing a big truth about God.

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 33 - April 19

Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?

They teach me what is pleasing to God, and how much I need a 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.

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	Cole Mayhugh/John Reed
Next Week	Dan Dolan

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Christian & Brianna Ragle
Next Week	Bob & Donna Kalb

Nursery

Today	Keely Ragle Annalise Aikens
Next Week	Isabelle Powell Piper Larson