

# First Presbyterian Church

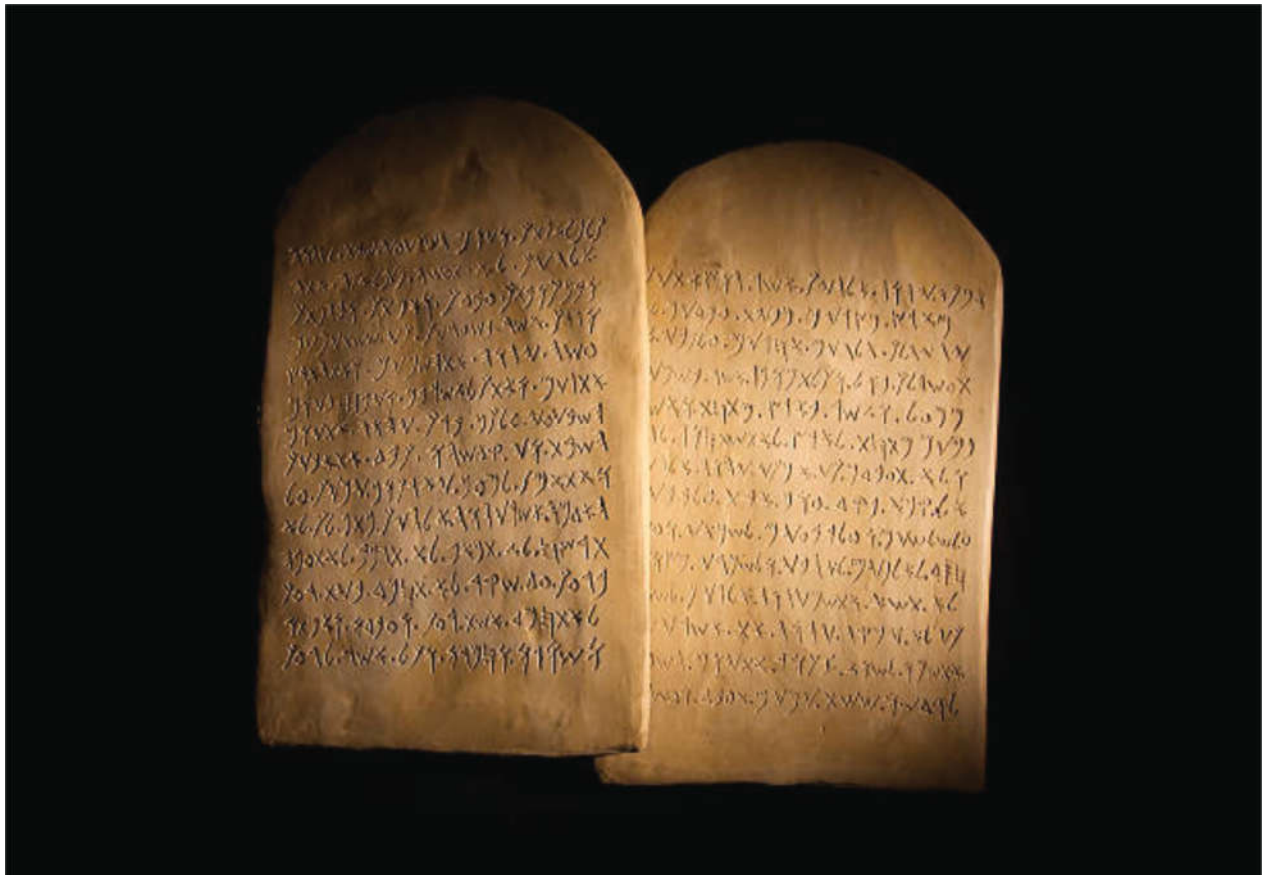
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## Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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

You, Lord, have become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all! In you does my soul rejoice. The darkness vanished from before my eyes, and I beheld you, the sun of righteousness. When I loved darkness, I knew you not, but wandered on from night to night. But you led me out of that blindness; you took me by the hand and called me to yourself, and now I can thank you, and your mighty voice which has penetrated to my inmost heart. Amen.

Augustine

## Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”**

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn of Praise — Holy, Holy, Holy



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!  
che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee;  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!  
who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

## Hymn of Praise — O, the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured, bound-less, free;
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of e - v'ry love the best;



roll - ing as a might-y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.  
how he lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth, chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver - more;  
'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;  
how he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;



lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

## Scripture Reading — Selected Texts

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

1 Timothy 1:3-11

As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. <sup>5</sup> The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup> Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup> Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup> in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

## Profession of Faith — Westminster Larger Catechism, question 98

Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

**The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon mount Sinai, and written by him in two tables of stone; and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus; the four first commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man.**

## Song of Confession — I Need Thee

1. I need thee e - v'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord; no  
4. I need thee e - v'ry hour, teach me thy will, and  
ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford. I  
thy rich pro - mi - ses in me ful - fill.  
need thee, O I need thee, e - v'ry hour I need thee; O  
bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

## Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**  
—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

## Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

### Hymn of Rejoicing — Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous -  
plea: a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for  
- in, up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my  
- ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I AM", the King of glo - ry and of  
me. My name is grav - en on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with him - self, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his  
heart. I know that while in Heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free, for God the just is sa - tis - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my  
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

**Sermon**

**Love Your Neighbor**  
Exodus 20:12-17

Pastor Andy Aikens

**Sermon Notes:**

## Song of Response — May the Mind of Christ My Savior



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in e - v'ry-thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,



by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.  
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.  
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.  
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.  
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

## Benediction – From Psalm 91:14-16

For those who hold fast to the Lord Most High in love,  
may he deliver you and protect you.  
When you call to him,  
may he answer you,  
be with you, rescue, and honor you;  
and with long life may he satisfy you  
and show you his salvation.

## 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.

Mark your calendar for the next Fellowship Lunch on May 17. Sign up sheets are on the hallway table.

Out of safety for our children, please refrain from parking on the concrete slab or next to the tree. Use the parking spots designated by the parking bumpers on the gravel area behind the CEC.

As we prepare to demolish the church pavilion, we are offering the picnic tables to anyone who wants one. If you do, please let Dave Miser know.

## 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 34 - April 26

Can you keep the Ten Commandments perfectly?

**No. Since the fall of Adam, the only One who has been able to do this is Jesus.**

What do the Ten Commandments teach?

**To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.**

## 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	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Bob Kalb

## Ministry Support

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

## Greeters

Today	Bob & Donna Kalb
Next Week	Kevin & Val Wyson

## Nursery

Today	Isabelle Powell
	Piper Larson
Next Week	Brianna Ragle
	Jenae Larson