

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

Psalm 47:1-7

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selab*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign - eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee!
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee,
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - stain - eth!
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
decked thee with health and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
pon - der a - new what the A - might - y will do,
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
if with his love he be - friend thee.
spread - ing his wings to o'er shade thee!
glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Hymn of Praise — All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall; bring
 2. Crown him, ye mar-tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call; ex -
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall; hail
 4. Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood of the gall; go,
 5. Let e - v'ry kind-red, e - v'ry tribe, on this ter - rest - rial ball, to
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of__ all; bring
 -tol the Stem of Jes - se's_ rod, and crown him Lord of__ all; ex -
 him who saves you by_ his_ grace, and crown him Lord of__ all; hail
 spread your tro-phies at__ his_ feet, and crown him Lord of__ all; go,
 him all ma - jest - y__ a - scribe, and crown him Lord of__ all; to
 join the ev - er - last - ing_ song, and crown him Lord of__ all; we'll



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Scripture Reading — John 16:1-11

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Acts 1:6-11

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg Catechism question 50-51

Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things.

How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

Song of Confession — Hear My Prayer (Psalm 86)

1. Hear my pray'r O Lord, and answer me; I am poor and need - y.
2. You O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing; give ear to my pray'r.

Save my life, for you are the on - ly God, for to you I cry.
Teach your way, so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear you.

You, O Lord, are full of mer - cy, gra - cious are you, O God,
Slow to an - ger, a - bound - ing in faith - ful - ness.

Turn to me, de - liv - er me, save me in your love.

Prayer of Confession

**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 — 1 Corinthians 15:22-26

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Hymn of Rejoicing — Rejoice, the Lord is King



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus, the sa - vior, reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His King - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n. The
4. He sits at God's right hand, till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come and



-joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph e - ver - more. Lift
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift



up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Sermon

LORD Sabaoth His Name
1 Samuel 17:41-54

Pastor Peter Dietsch

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — A Mighty Fortress is Our God



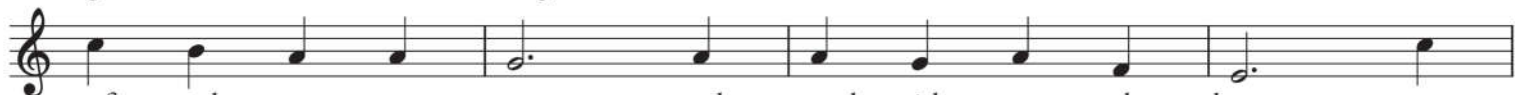
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark ne - ver fail - ing. Our
 2. Did we in our_ own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los - ing; were
 3. And though this world, with de - vil's filled, should threat-en to un - do__ us, we
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the



help - er he__ a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
 not the right man on__ our side, the man of God's own choos - ing. Dost
 will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us. The
 Spi - rit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth. Let



still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe: his
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord
 prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his
 goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the



craft and power are great, and armed with cru - el hate, on
 Sa - ba - oth his name, from age to age the same, and
 rage we can en - dure, for lo! his doom is sure; one
 bo - dy they may kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his



earth is not his e - qual.
 he must win the bat - tle.
 lit - tle word shall fell him.
 king - dom is for - e - ver.

Benediction — Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
 and give you peace.

News and Announcements

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, May 21 at 10 am. We will meet in the CEC building. Please come through the door on the side of the gravel parking lot. If you are able, join us for lunch and fellowship following our prayer time.

Pick up baby bottles for the Plateau Pregnancy Services fundraiser from the hallway table and return them by Father's Day, June 21. Take one home and fill it with your change and dollars (*checks should be made payable to Plateau Pregnancy Services*).

A New Member Orientation class will begin on Sunday, June 7 and meet in classroom 2 at the CEC for 5 weeks from 9:30 - 10:15 am. A sign up sheet and copies of *Living Stones* are on the the hallway table.

Please stay for the Fellowship Lunch following this morning's worship.

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 37 - May 17

What is the third commandment?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

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
Koos & Bhless Hagg, MTW, Southeast Asia

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 '26, Clerk

Deacons

Dave Miser '28, Chair
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	Bill Allbright
Next Week	Christian Ragle

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Gary & Patti Thompson
Next Week	Brett & Maria Bottoms

Nursery

Today	Nancy Tuuk
	Keely Ragle
	April Stewart
Next Week	Isabelle Powell