

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; today our service will focus on Pentecost.

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate God’s gift of the Holy Spirit to his church described in the second chapter of Acts, which informed the direction of the early church and continues to modern times. As we are filled with the Spirit, we read the words inspired by the Spirit, we also trust in this same Spirit to guide our worship this Sunday and every Sunday, that we may glorify God and grow in grace.

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

O great God of highest heaven, love flows first from you to us. We know what love is only because of you, and all of our longings are completely fulfilled in you. This morning as we approach you, through Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, may we worship you with the knowledge that we are completely protected, valued, forgiven, and loved. You have set your love upon us and caused our gaze to rest in you. May we rest today in that great love.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:24-32

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

²⁷ These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

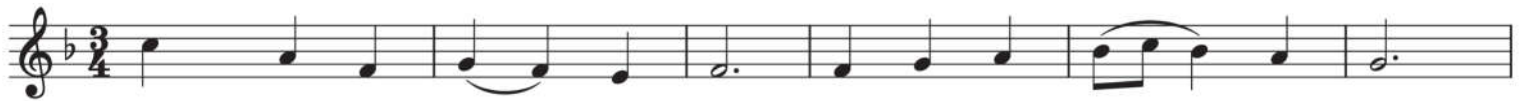
³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,**

³² **who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Come, Thou Almighty King



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name — to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One — in Three e - ter - nal prai - ses be,



help us to praise, Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in e - v'ry heart,
hence e - ver - more. His sov'-reign ma - jes - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spi - rit of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of pow'r.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Hymn of Praise — Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name (Psalm 146)



1. Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name; for his mer - cies, firm and sure, from e -

2. Let the ran - somed thus re - jice, ga - thered out of e - v'ry land, as the

3. For his truth and mer - cy_ stand, past and pre - sent, and to be, like the



-ter - ni - ty the same to e - ter - ni - ty en - dure. Praise him,

peo - ple of his_ choice, plucked from the de - stroy - er's hand.

years of his right hand, like his own e - ter - ni - ty.



ye who know his_ love; praise him from the depths be - neath; praise him



in the heights a - bove; praise your ma - ker_ all that breathe.

D.S. al Fine

Scripture Reading — John 3:1-8

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Profession of Faith — Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;**

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Confession — I Need Thee Every Hour

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.

Prayers of the People

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 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

Hymn of Illumination — Spirit of God

1. Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream; no pro - phet ec - sta - sies,
3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
4. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,
wean it from earth, through all its pul - ses move.
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;
Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as thou art;
no an - gel vi - sion, no op - 'ning sky;
to check the ris - ing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
I see thy cross; there teach me to cling:
the pre - sence of thy de - scend - ed Dove,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Sermon

The Spirit's Help in Weakness
Romans 8:26-27

Pastor Rob Herron

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — O Great God of Highest Heaven



1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, did not
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on your grace. Keep my

all and reign su - preme; con - quer e - v'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no
know your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then your
heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

vice or sin re - main that re - sist your ho - ly war. You have
Spi - rit gave me life, o - pened up your Word to me through the
wor - thy to be praised with my e - v'ry thought and deed. O great

loved and pur - chased me; make me yours for - e - ver more.
gos - pel of your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy your Name through me.

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

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 hallway table.

Parents, please note we will continue Bible study at 9:30 a.m. for the younger children through the late spring/summer, but if you have children 8 years or older, we will be on break through July. Older children and youth are welcome to attend the Bible study offered for adults with Robert Berman. He is teaching about the parables of Jesus.

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting following morning worship on June 7 to vote on the proposed call to Peter Dietsch as Associate Pastor as put forward by the Session.

Join us for Summer Music Camp from July 14–16, from 10-12, designed for beginners aged 4 to 13. Children will explore instruments, play rhythmic games, and conclude with an exciting group performance. Registration costs \$45 per child, with a \$5 discount for additional siblings. The deadline to sign up is July 1. To register or ask questions, call 931-337-6662, or email fineartsschoolofmusic@firstprescrossville.org.

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is on break. More information will follow.

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 38 - May 24

What is the fourth commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

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. On Break
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, 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	Christian Ragle
Next Week	Michael McCrabb

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Brett & Maria Bottoms
Next Week	Sasha Graham & Holly Kisly

Nursery

Today	April Stewart Isabelle Powell
Next Week	Jenae Larson Reba Norris