

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; next week we will return to our study of 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

O God most high, most glorious, the thought of your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling, troubled, and distressed, but you are forever at perfect peace. Your designs cause you no fear or care of unfulfilment, they stand fast as the eternal hills. Your power knows no bond, your goodness no stint. You bring order out of confusion, and my defeats are your victories: the Lord God omnipotent reigns. I come to you as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to you, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart; let me live near to the great shepherd, hear his voice, know its tones, follow its calls.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⁴ The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

Hymn of Praise — Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor
3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine
light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight, all
bless - ed most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
ju - stice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, and
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis
- might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
wi - ther and pe - rish but naught chang - eth thee.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does it suc - cess - ive jour - neys run;
2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris' - ner leaps to lose his chains.
3. Peo - ple and realms of_ e - v'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweet - est song,
4. Let e - v'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless - ing and ho - nor to our King.



his king - dom stretch from shore to_ shore, 'til suns shall rise and set no more.
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal_ rest, and all the sons of
and in - fant voi - ces_ shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the



want are blessed. To our King be high - est praise, ris - ing through e ter - nal days!
on his name.
loud a - men!



Just and faith - ful, he shall reign; Je - sus shall reign!

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 45:5-13

I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the LORD, who does all these things.

⁸ “Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;
let the earth cause them both to sprout;
I the LORD have created it.

⁹ “Woe to him who strives with him who formed him,
a pot among earthen pots!
Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’
or ‘Your work has no handles?’
¹⁰ Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’
or to a woman, ‘With what are you in labor?’”

¹¹ Thus says the LORD,
the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him:
“Ask me of things to come;
will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands?
¹² I made the earth
and created man on it;
it was my hands that stretched out the heavens,
and I commanded all their host.
¹³ I have stirred him up in righteousness,
and I will make all his ways level;
he shall build my city
and set my exiles free,
not for price or reward,”
says the LORD of hosts.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 5.1

God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Song of Confession — He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

1. I lift my eyes and see, I need not be a - fraid; all my
2. The Lord will ne - ver sleep, my steps he has or - dained, for the
help comes from the Lord, who the earth and sky has made. He will
one who holds the night is the so - v'reign of my days.
keep you from all e - vils, be - hind you and be - fore, he will sus -
-tain you through this jour - ney, from now and e - ver - more.

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 — Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Song of Rejoicing – ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



just to rest up - on his pro - mise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, O for grace to trust him more!

Sermon

The Good News of the Resurrection
1 Corinthians 17-22, 51-58

Ryan Angel

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — 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 -



- 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.

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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.

The next Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) lunch is Wednesday, June 3, 1 pm, at Willow Cafe & Catering. Requirements to be part of this unique, august, one-of-a-kind group are: age 80 or older, male, and an FPC member.

The “YAH” group will be meeting for lunch at Casa Grande in Fairfield Glade on Thursday, June 4, 12 pm. This “Young at Heart” group is for female FPC members 80 years or over.

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 39 - May 31

What is the fifth commandment?

Honor your father and mother.

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	Michael McCrabb
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Sasha Graham & Holly Kisly
Next Week	John & Sandy Reed

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Reba Norris
Next Week	Hope Aikens Ivy Pacana