

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

The Lord's day is "God's market-day for the week's provision, wherein he will have us come unto him, and buy of him without silver or money: the Bread of angels, and Water of life, the Wine of the sacraments, and Milk of the Word to feed our souls: tried Gold to enrich our faith: precious Eye Salve to heal our spiritual blindness: and the white Raiment of Christ's righteousness, to cover our filthy nakedness."

Lewis Bayly from *The Practice of Piety*

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1. Come, Christ-ians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prai - ses fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
he is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
on Hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall ne - ver end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - e - ver - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Hymn of Praise — Crown Him with Many Crowns



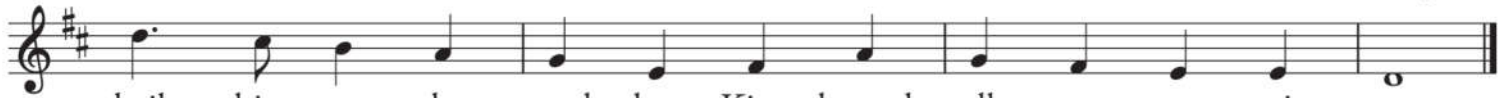
1. Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways from
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; Cre -



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mus - ic but its own: a -
wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no
pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: his
a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all



wake my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet fair
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou has died for me: thy



hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at my - ste - ries so bright.
flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.
praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Reading — Selected Texts

Matthew 12:1-14

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” ³ He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? ⁶ I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

⁹ He went on from there and entered their synagogue. ¹⁰ And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³ Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Mark 2:27-28

And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg question 103

What is God’s will for you in the fourth commandment?

**First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained,
and that, especially on the festive day of rest,
I diligently attend the assembly of God’s people
to learn what God’s Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments,
to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.**

**Second, that every day of my life
I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit,
and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.**

Song of Confession — Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1. Christ is our cor - ner - stone, — on him a - lone we build; — with
2. O then with hymns of praise — these hal - lowed courts shall ring; — our
3. Here may we gain from Heav'n the grace which we im - plore, — and



his true saints a - lone — the courts of Heav'n are filled, — on
voi - ces we will raise — the Three in One to sing; — and
may that grace, once giv'n, — be with us e - ver - more, — un -



his great love — our hopes we place of pres - ent grace and joys a - bove.
thus pro - claim — in joy - ful song, both loud and long, that glo - ri - ous name.
-til that day — when all the blest to end - less rest are called a - way.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord my Lord,

This is your day, the heavenly ordinance of rest,
the open door of worship, the record of Jesus' resurrection,
the seal of the Sabbath to come, the day when saints militant and triumphant
unite in endless song.

I bless you for the throne of grace,

that here free favor reigns, that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus,
that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest and find you ready to hear,
waiting to be gracious, inviting me to pour out my needs,
encouraging my desires, promising to give more than I ask or think.

But while I bless you,

shame and confusion are mine: I remember my past misuse of sacred things,
my irreverent worship, my base ingratitude, my cold, dull praise.

Sprinkle all my past Sabbaths with the cleansing blood of Jesus,
and may this day witness deep improvement in me.

The Valley of Vision

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Song of Rejoicing – 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.

Sermon Notes:

Fencing the Table

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ, to come forward to the table.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You may use the lyrics of the hymns as well as the Scriptures to guide your praying.

As you come to the table be mindful that all the bread is gluten free, the grape juice is in the outer ring, and the wine is in the inner ring of each tray.

Song of Response — Keep the Feast



1. Joy - ful - ly we join you at your ta - ble, plead - ing not our right - eous - ness.
2. Who is fit to feast with such a Sa - vior? Who his san - dals could un - tie?
3. Hap - py sign of friend - ship and re - un - ion with the bless - ed three in one.



By your wealth of mer - cy, we are a - ble now to feast in con - fi - dence.
Who are we that he would show us fa - vor? Grant - ing us this gift of life.
Fore - taste of that glo - ri - ous com - mun - ion, vi - sion of the world to come.



Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink. Re -



mem - ber how he loved us; re - joice and keep the feast.

Serving of the Lord's Supper

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him all crea - tures here be - low; praise



him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly, Ghost. A - men.

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

Please return your Plateau Pregnancy Service baby bottle next Sunday.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, June 18 at 10 a.m. We will meet in the CEC building. Please come through the door on the side of the gravel parking lot. If you are able, please join us for lunch and fellowship following our prayer time.

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 41 - June 14

What is the seventh commandment?
You shall not commit adultery.

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. On Break

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	Dan Dolan
Next Week	Orville Ennis

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Bob & Kathy Pipkin
Next Week	Aubrey & Charlotte Lewis

Nursery

Today	Keely Ragle Eden Tuuk
Next Week	Isabelle Powell Annalise Aikens