

First Presbyterian Church

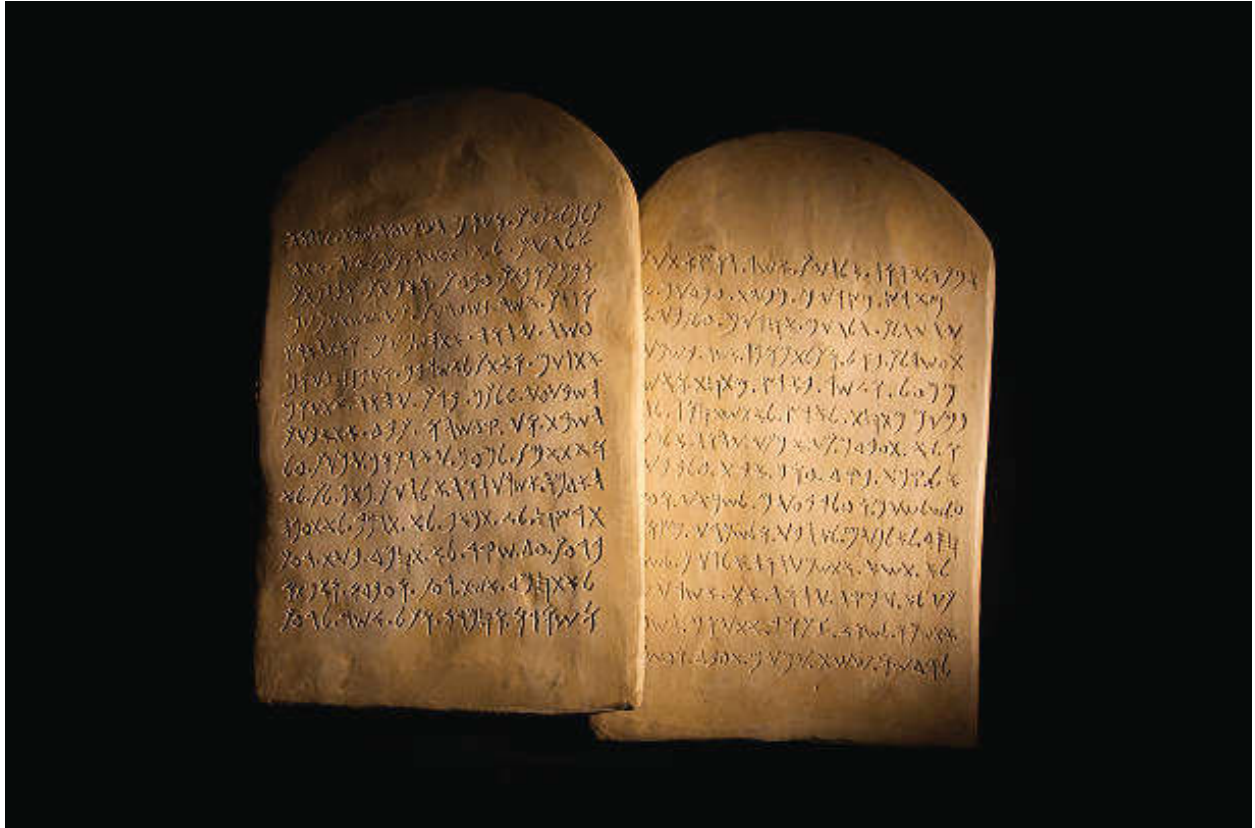
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Hallelujah! Thine the Glory



1. We praise thee O God! for the days of our youth, for the
2. We praise thee, O God! for the Son of thy love, for—
3. We praise thee, O God! for thy Spi - rit of light, who has
4. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has



bright lamp that shin - eth the Word of thy truth. Hal - le -
Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
shown us our Sa - vior and scat - tered our night.
borne all our sins and has cleansed e - v'ry stain!



lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Hal - le lu - jah! We sing. Hal - le -



lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, our praise now we bring.

Hymn of Praise — All Praise to Him



1. All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the moun - tains by his
2. All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the Ser - vant
3. All praise to him whose pow'r im-parts the love of God with-in our



might. All praise to him who names the stars, that sing his fame in skies a -
King, who left be-hind his glo - rious throne to pay the ran - som for his
hearts. The Spi - rit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li -



-far. All praise to him who reigns in love, who guides the gal - ax - ies a -
own. All praise to him who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and
-ness. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we lift, our wills we



-bove, yet bends to hear our e - v'ry prayer, with so - v'reign pow'r and ten - der care.
shame, who lived to die, who died to rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
bow. To you, the Tri - une God, we raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 4:1-13

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest,””

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 21.7

As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages, he has particularly appointed one day in seven, for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture, is called the Lord's day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

Song of Confession — Hear My Words



1. Hear my words, O gra - cious Lord; to my thoughts, at - ten - tive be.
2. With the morn - ing light, O Lord, thou shalt hear— my voice a - rise,
3. Thou art ho - ly, O my God; thou de - light - est not in sin.
4. In— the full - ness of thy grace, to thy house I will re - pair;



Hear my cry, my King, my God; I— will make my prayer to thee.
and ex - pec - tant I will bring pray - er as morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
E - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor— the proud thy fa - vor win.
bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place, lost— in love I wor - ship there.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
my sins are too heavy for me to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep for me to undo.

Forgive what my lips tremble to name,
what my heart can no longer bear,
and what has become for me
a consuming fire of judgment.

Set me free from a past that I cannot change;
open to me a future in which I can be changed;
and grant me grace to grow more and
more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

Song 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

Sabbath Part 2
Exodus 20:8-11

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response — Jesus, I am Resting, Resting



1. Je - sus, I am rest ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;— I am
 2. Oh, how great thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er broad - er than the sea.— Oh, how
 3. Simply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,— and thy
 4. E - ver lift thy face up - on — me as I work and wait for thee. rest - ing



find - ing out the great - ness of — thy lov - ing — heart. Thou hast
 mar - ve - lous thy good - ness la - vished all — on — me. Yes, I
 love, so pure, so change - less sa - tis - fies — my — heart. Sa - tis -
 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark sha - dows — flee. Bright - ness



bid me gaze up - on — thee, and thy beau - ty fills my soul, for by
 rest in thee, be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine, know thy
 -fies its deep - est long - ing, meets, sup - plies its e - v'ry need, com - pass -
 of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face, — keep me



thy trans - form - ing pow - er thou hast made — me — whole. Je - sus,
 cer - tain - y of pro - mise, and have made — it — mine.
 -eth me round with bless - ings; thine is love — in - deed.
 e - ver trust - ing, rest - ing, fill — me with — thy — grace.



I am rest ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art.— I am



find - ing out the great - ness of — thy lov - ing — heart.

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 Plateau Pregnancy Service baby bottles are due today. Thank you for generous support of this ministry to our community. Baby bottles change lives!

Pray for the elders, Pastor Andy Aikens, RE Forrest Marion, and RE Rich Parks, attending General Assembly in Louisville this week. Pray for wisdom in voting and endurance for energy for the week's long days.

Pray for Pastor Peter Dietsch and his upcoming transfer exams before Presbytery on July 7.

First Catechism

What is the gospel and its reward?

God, the righteous Creator, rescues sinful people by reconciling them 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 42 - June 21

What is the eighth commandment?

You shall not steal.

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	Orville Ennis
Next Week	Tim Grimes

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Tom & Lisa Buettner
Next Week	Aubrey & Charlotte Lewis

Nursery

Today	Isabelle Powell
	Annalise Aikens
Next Week	Brianna Ragle
	Piper Larson