

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

LIFE-GIVING GOD,

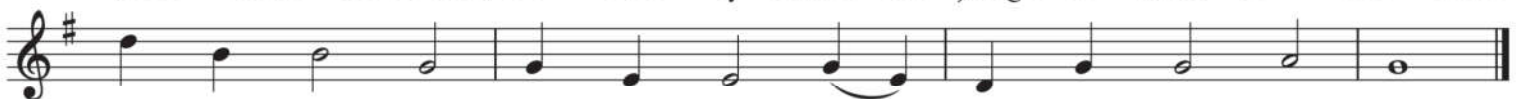
Quicken me to call upon your name, for my mind is ignorant, my thoughts vagrant, my affections earthly, my heart unbelieving, and only your Spirit can help my infirmities. I approach you as Father and friend, my portion forever, my exceeding joy, my strength of heart. I believe in you as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence, the sender of Jesus my Savior.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship – O Sing a New Song to the Lord (Psalm 98)



1. O sing a new song to the Lord for wonders he has done; his
2. The great sal - va - tion wrought by him, Je - ho - vah has made known; his
3. He mind - ful of his grace and truth to Is - r'el's house has been; the
4. O all the earth, sing to the Lord and make a joy - ful sound; lift
5. With harp make mu - sic to the Lord; with harp a psalm O sing! With
6. Let seas in all their vast - ness roar, the world, its liv - ing horde; let
7. Be - cause he comes, he sure - ly comes the judge of earth to be! With



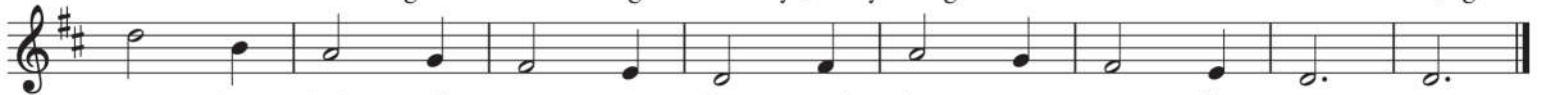
right hand and his ho - ly arm the vic - to - ry have won.
just - ice in the na - tions' sight the Lord has clear - ly shown.
great sal - va - tion of our God all ends of earth have seen.
up your voice a - loud to him; sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!
horn and trum - pet raise a shout be - fore the Lord, the King.
riv - ers clap, let moun - tains sing their joy be - fore the Lord!
just - ice he will judge the world all men with e - qui - ty.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)



1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, whose good-ness fail-eth— ne-ver; I
2. Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my— ran-somed soul he— lead-eth, and
3. Per-verse and fool-ish, oft I stray, but yet in love he— sought me, and
4. In death's dark vale I— fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, be-side me; thy
5. And so through all the length of days, thy— good-ness fail-eth— ne-ver; good



no-thing lack if I am his, and he is mine for-e-ver.
where the ver-dant pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
on his shoul-der gent-ly laid, and home re-joic-ing brought me.
rod and staff my com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
Shep-herd, may I sing thy praise with-in thy house for-e-ver.

Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:17-26

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg question 105

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

I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor — not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds — and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

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

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Song of Rejoicing – Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What is our
2. What truth can calm the troub-led soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re-



on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be-long. Who holds our
grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our
ward will heav - en bring? E - ver last - ing life with him. There we will



days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com-mand? And what will
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the stor - my trial? Who sends the
rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be des-troyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end - less joy when Christ is ours for e - ver more.



O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O



sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and e - ver we con -



fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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 Preparation — Behold the Lamb of God (Communion Hymn)



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us, and we re-mem-ber
2. The bo - dy of our Sa - vior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you. Eat and re-mem-ber
3. The blood that clean - ses e - v'ry stain of sin, shed for you. Drink and re-mem-ber;
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re-pond and to re-mem-ber



the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for-give-ness at the cross. So we
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
he drained death's cup that we may en - ter in to re-ceive the life of God. So we
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his bo - dy here on earth. As we



share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice as a
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice as a
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sa - cri - fice as a
share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro-claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a-round the ta - ble of the King.
sign of our bonds of love a-round the ta - ble of the King.
sign of our bonds of grace a-round the ta - ble of the King.
join in the feast of heav'n a-round the ta - ble of the King.

Serving of the Lord's Supper

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'n-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy, Ghost. Amen.

Benediction – Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
²¹ to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.

News and Announcements

Families with preteens and teens are invited to a summer fellowship at the Mensonides, Saturday, July 11 from 3 – 7 p.m. See the email invitation for more information.

Men, mark your calendar for the next breakfast, Saturday, July 18, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Men's Bible study will resume on Thursday, July 23, at 9 a.m.

Pray for Pastor Peter Dietsch and his wife Stacie for God's leadership in all their transition details as they prepare to come to FPC Crossville.

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 4 - July 5

What is the tenth commandment?

You shall not covet.

Schedule

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| 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 |

Giving

General Fund

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| 2026 YTD Giving | \$ 229,039 |
| 2026 Budget | \$ 487,603 |

Deacon Fund

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| 2026 YTD Giving | \$ 3,762 |
| 2026 Budget | \$ 9,000 |
| 2026 Disbursements | \$ 300 |

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

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| Music/Sound Director | Matt Bundy |
| School of Music Director | April Stewart |
| Finance/Admin | Holly Kisly |

Security Team

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| Today | Cole Mayhugh |
| Next Week | Gary Thompson |

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

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| Today | Terri Fleck & Darlene Gendjar |
| Next Week | Dan & Bev Dolan |

Nursery

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| Today | April Marion Robyn Mayhugh |
| Next Week | Jenae Larson April Stewart |