

First Presbyterian Church

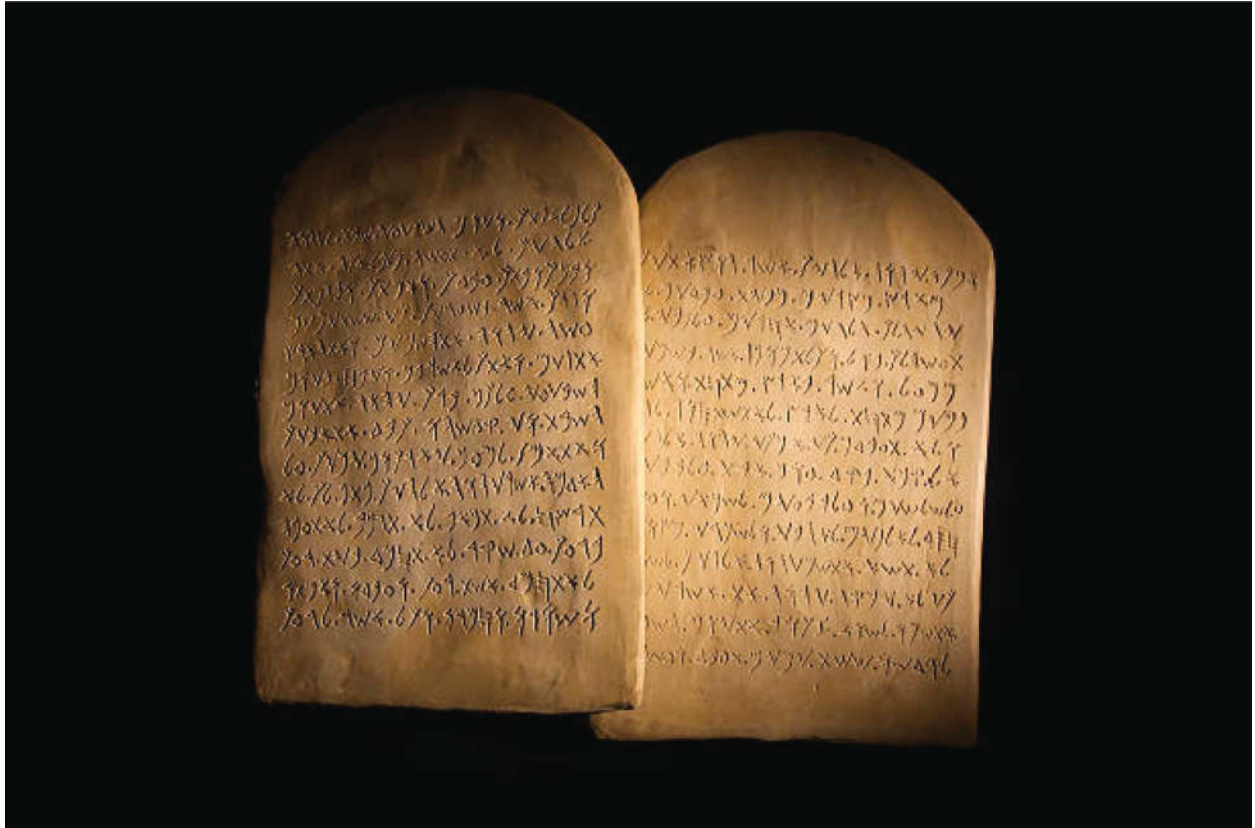
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me...

That Christ be with me, Christ behind me, and Christ before me,
Christ beside me and Christ in me; Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me and Christ above me; Christ in quiet and Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me; Christ a mighty friend and not a stranger.
I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,
The Great Three in One and One in Three. Amen.

St. Patrick

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-4

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Come, People of the Risen King



1. Come, peo - ple of the ri - sen King who de - light to bring him praise; come,
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night; come,
3. Come, young and old of e - v'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith; come,



all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his
those with full or emp - ty hands, find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver



shif - ting shad - ows of the Earth we will lift our eyes to him, where
per - fect love will ne - ver change, and his mer - cies ne - ver cease, but
all the world his peo - ple sing, shore to shore, we hear them call, the



stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er chil - dren in. Re -
fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope and peace.
truth that cries through e - v'ry age: "Our — God is all in all!"



-joice! Re - joice! Let e - v'ry tongue re - joice! One



heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice.

Hymn of Praise — O Worship the King

1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove, O

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose

3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, al -

4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It

5. Frail child - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in

6. O mea - sure - less Might! In - ef - fa - ble Love! While

grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our

robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His

might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old; has

breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it

you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your

an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove, the

shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, pa -

char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and

'stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, and

streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain; and

mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end, our

hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays, with

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.

dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.

sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

Mak - er, De - fen - der, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

true a - dor - a - tion shall lisp to your praise.

Scripture Reading — 2 Peter 1:3-15

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg question 108, 109

What does the seventh commandment teach us?

That God condemns all unchastity, and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.

Song of Confession — My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Je - sus, I love___ thee, I know thou art mine; for
2. I love thee be - cause___ thou hast first lov - ed me, and

thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree. I

gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sa - vior art thou;___ if
love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;___ if

e - ver I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
So many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune,
sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow,
yet clinging to faith in you.
So too, O Lord, are our hearts.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most:
his cross makes our forgiveness possible,
and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises.

**Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins.
Eagerly we plead your help
to enthrone in our hearts David's Son:
Christ Jesus, King of the universe,
our Savior and Lord.
And with King David we declare our trust in your unfailing love.**

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Song of Rejoicing – Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 1. Re-deemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re- 2. Re-deemed and so hap-py in Je-sus, no lan-guage my rap-ture can tell; I 3. I think of my bless-ed Re-deem-er, I think of him all the day long; I -deemed through his in-fi-nite mer-cy, his child, and for-ev-er, I am. Re- know that the light of his pre-sence with me doth con-tin-ual-ly dwell. sing, for I can-not be si-lent; his love is the theme of my song. -deemed, re-deemed, re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb. Re- deemed through his in-fi-nite mer-cy, his child, and for-e-ver I am.

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Sermon

Sexual Ethics
Exodus 20:14

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – My God, My Portion, and My Love



1. My God, my Por - tion_ and my Love, my e - ver - last - ing_ All, I've
2. What em - pty things are_ all the skies and this in - fer - ior_ clod! There's
3. In vain, the bright, the_ burn-ing sun scat - ters his fee - ble_ light. 'Tis
4. Let all that dwells a - bove the sky and air and earth and seas con -
5. The whole cre - a - tion_ join in one to bless the sa - cred name of



none but thee in Heav'n a - bove, or on this earth - ly ball.
no - thing here de - serves my joys; there's no - thing like my God.
thy sweet beams cre - ate_ my noon; if thou with-draw, 'tis night.
-spire to_ lift thy glo - ries high and speaks thine end - less praise.
him that sits up - on_ the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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

The Men's Breakfast is Saturday, July 18, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A signup sheet is on the hallway table.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, July 16 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, join us for lunch and fellowship following our prayer time.

The inaugural Summer Music Camp is this week. Twenty children will gather here all week encountering music and Jesus Christ. Pray for the teachers, assistants, and students that they will have a God-honoring week.

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 45 - July 12

What is prayer?

Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all his blessings, and asking him for all things he has promised in the Bible.

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)
Sunday Evening Worship
Women's Monday Theology Study
Men's Thursday Bible Study
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch
Women's Tuesday Bible Study

10:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. On Break
2:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Resumes July 23
Monthly
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	Gary Thompson
Next Week	Aubrey Lewis

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Holly Kisly
Next Week	Paul & Eleanor Folta

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson
	April Stewart
Next Week	Hope Aikens
	Brianna Ragle