

First Presbyterian Church

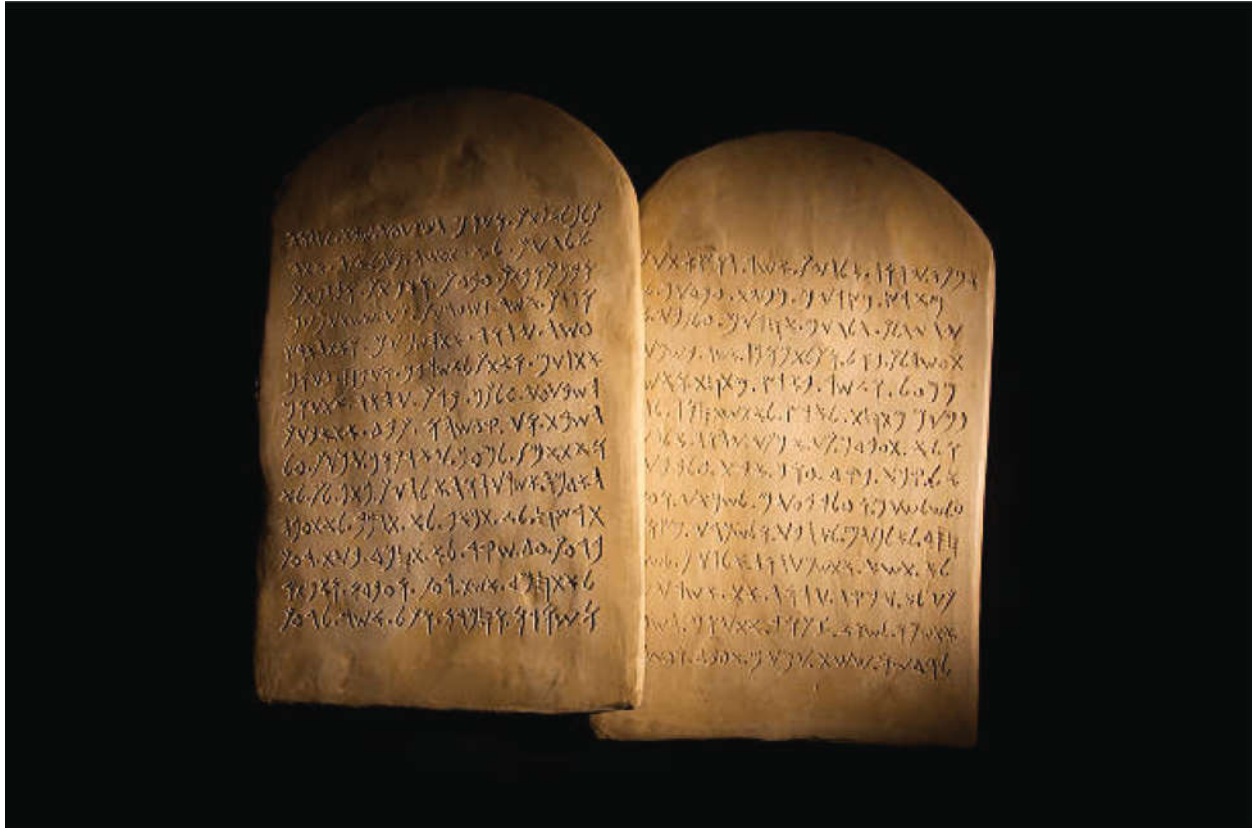
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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

O SAVIOR OF SINNERS,

Your name is excellent, your glory high, your compassions unfailing, your condescension wonderful, your mercy tender. I bless you for the discoveries, invitations, promises of the gospel, for in them is pardon for rebels, liberty for captives, health for the sick, salvation for the lost. I come to you in thy beloved name of Jesus; re-impress your image upon my soul; raise me above the smiles and frowns of the world, regarding it as a light thing to be judged by men; may your praise be my only aim, your Word my one rule.

-The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10-13

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Hymn of Praise — All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us, sing al-le-

2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a-long, O__

3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear, al-le-

4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your part, O__

5. Let all things their Cre-a-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-ness, O__

-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, thou
praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn in praise re-joice, ye
-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, that
sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row bear, praise
praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fath-er, praise the Son, and

sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O__
lights of e-v'ning, find a voice,
giv-est man both warmth and light,
God and on him cast your care,
praise the Spi-rit, three in one,

praise him, O__ praise him, al-le-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — 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.

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 4:17-32

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg question 110

What is the aim of the ninth commandment?

That I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone rashly or without a hearing. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind; these are the very devices the devil uses, and they would call down on me God's intense wrath. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Song of Confession — Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



1. Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with fruit - less sor - row down.
2. Take his ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will make o - be-dience sweet.

By the brok - en law con - vict - ted, through the cross, be - hold the crown.
Christ will give you strength to bear it_ while his wis - dom guides your feet,

Look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows_ through him a - lone.
safe to glo - ry, where his ran - somed cap - tives meet.

Prayer of Confession

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:

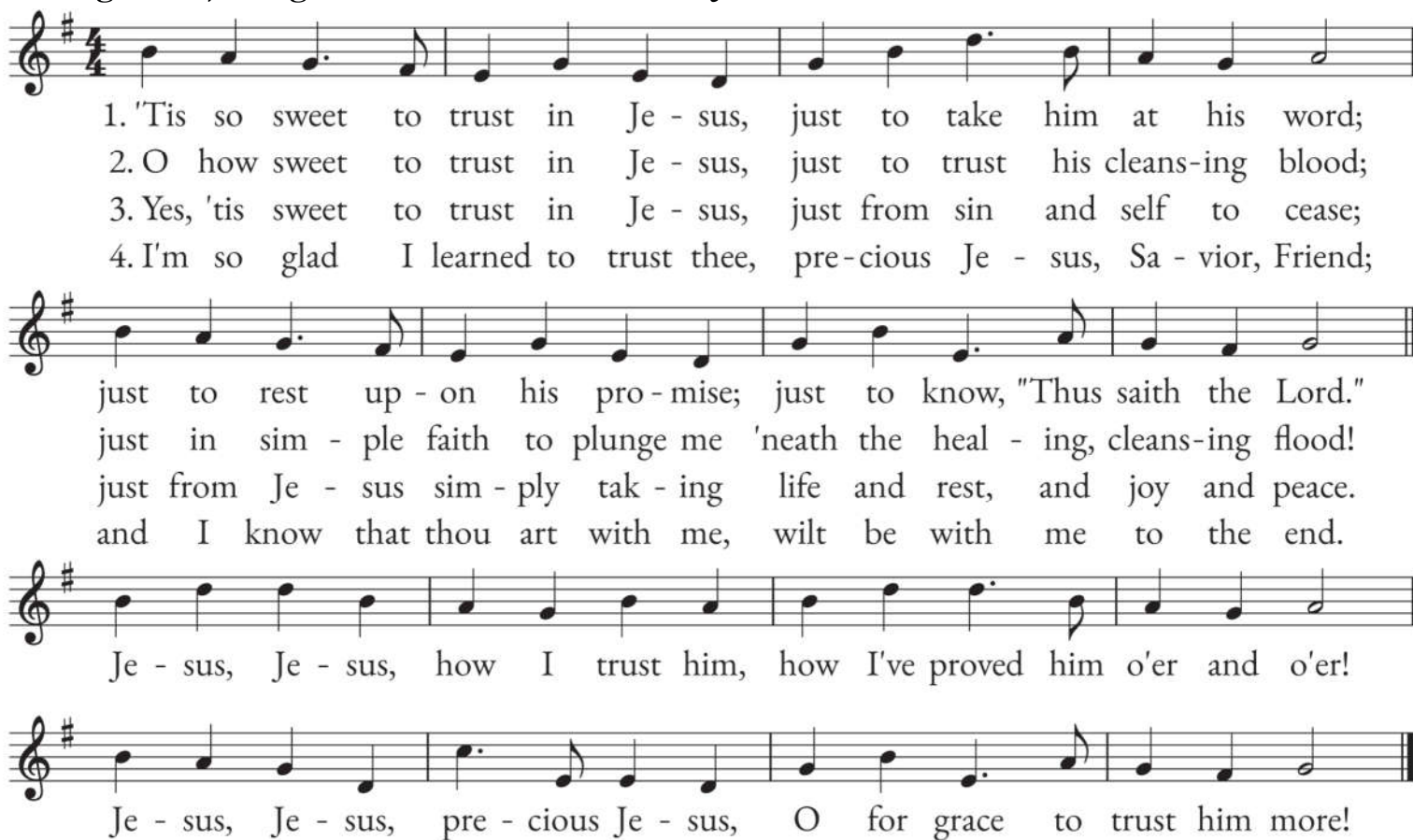
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

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



The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first four lines of the lyrics. The second staff contains the next four lines. The third staff contains the next four lines. The fourth staff contains the final line of the lyrics. The melody is simple and catchy, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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, Sa - vior, 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

Honesty and Integrity
Exodus 20:16

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
thine own dear pre - sence to cheer and to guide,
thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,
as thou hast been thou for - e - ver wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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

A discipleship class for youth ages 10-14 is beginning again Sunday, August 2. Richard and Judy Parks, Eric Larson, and Stacie Dietsch will be team teaching for the next semester and will continue studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Children ages 5-9 learned the Apostles' Creed, 10 Commandments, and Lord's Prayer over the last year and now will be working through the New Testament using The Biggest Story curriculum with Pam Lauver, Val Wyson, and Hope Aikens. Both classes will meet at the CEC from 9:30 a.m.-10:25 a.m. (Parents, please note the time is a little longer than adult Bible study so that you have time for conversation before picking up your child.)

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 47 - July 26

How many sacraments are there?

Two.

What are they?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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.
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	Bill Allbright
Next Week	Paul Folta

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Christian & Brianna Ragle
Next Week	Ralph Jansen & Holly Kisly

Nursery

Today	Yasha Bitnner Reba Norris
Next Week	Annalise Aikens Nancy Tuuk