

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

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

You, Lord, have become my hope, my comfort, my strength, my all! In you does my soul rejoice. The darkness vanished from before my eyes, and I beheld you, the sun of righteousness. When I loved darkness, I knew you not, but wandered on from night to night. But you led me out of that blindness; you took me by the hand and called me to yourself, and now I can thank you, and your mighty voice which has penetrated to my inmost heart. Amen.

Augustine

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-13

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

**“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”**

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Holy, Holy, Holy



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee;
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hymn of Praise — Jesus Shall Reign (Psalm 72)



1. Je - sus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does it suc-cess-ive jour-neys run;
2. Bless-ings a - bound wher-e'er he reigns; the pris'-ner leaps to lose his chains.
3. Peo - ple and realms of_ e - v'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweet-est song,
4. Let e - v'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless-ing and ho - nor to our King.



his king-dom stretch from shore to_ shore, 'til suns shall rise and set no more.
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of
and in - fant voi - ces_ shall pro-claim their ear - ly bless-ings
An-gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the



want are blessed. To our King be high - est praise, ris-ing through e - ter - nal days!
on his name.
loud a - men!



Just and faith - ful, he shall reign; Je - sus shall reign!

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 43:1-11

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

⁸ Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!
⁹ All the nations gather together,
and the peoples assemble.
Who among them can declare this,
and show us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right,
and let them hear and say, It is true.
¹⁰ “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,
“and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
¹¹ I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.

Profession of Faith — Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father.
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
and ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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

Song of Rejoicing – The King in All His Beauty

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins with a 4/4 time signature, changes to 5/4, and then returns to 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line breaks corresponding to the musical phrases. The song concludes with a final measure in 4/4 time, marked with a double bar line.

1. O lift your eyes to Hea-ven, see the Ho - ly One e - ter - nal. Be -
2. Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splin - ters. The
3. Now see the Sa - vior lift - ed up, the Lamb who reigns in splen - dor. The
hold the Lord of ma - jes - ty, ex - al - ted in his tem - ple. As
sa - cri - fice for ru - ined man, the sub - sti - tute for sin - ners. As
hope of e - v'ry tribe and tongue, his king - dom is for - e - ver. Bring
sym - pho - nies of an - gels praise now strain to sound his glo - ry. Come
earth is stained with ro - yal blood, and quakes with love and fu - ry. He
praise and ho - nor to his courts. Bring wis - dom, po - wer, bless - ing. For
wor - ship, fall be - fore his grace, the King in all his beau - ty.
breathes his last and bows his head, the King in all his beau - ty. How
end - less a - ges we'll a - dore the King in all his beau - ty.
wor - thy, how wor - thy, how wor - thy, the
King in all his beau - ty.

Sermon

**Glorious Things of
Thee Are Spoken**

Pastor Peter Dietsch

Revelation 1:1-20

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 – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our God;
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each ha - bi - ta - tion ho - v'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sa - vior, if of Zi - on's ci - ty I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:
for a glo - ry and a co - v'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:
let the world de - ride or pi - ty, I will glo - ry in thy name:



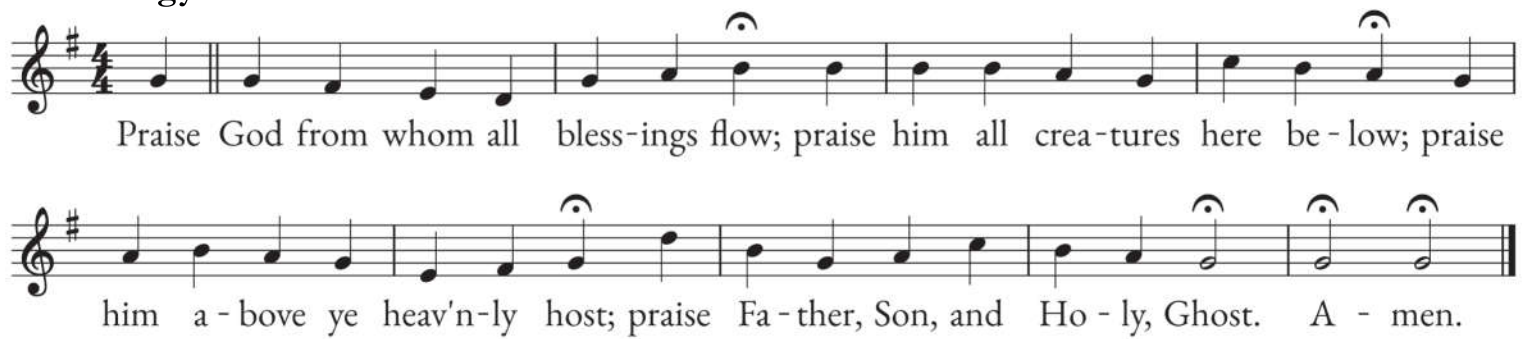
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint, while such a ri - ver e - ver flows their thirst t'as - suage?
thus de - ri - ving from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fa - ding is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
grace which, like the Lord, the gi - ver, ne - ver fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
so - lid joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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'nly 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

Please mark your calendar to attend the August 30 Fellowship Lunch. More information to come.

A discipleship class on the Westminster Shorter Confession for youth ages 10-14 began today. In addition, children ages 5-9 are working through the New Testament using *The Biggest Story* curriculum. Both classes meet at the CEC from 9:30–10:25 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.)

The next Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) lunch is Wednesday, August 5, 1 p.m. at Willow Cafe. Reservations are needed to attend and order their “world famous” loaded baked potato.

The “YAH” Group will meet for lunch at Willow Cafe on Thursday, August 6, at noon.

The Women’s Fall Bible Study of *Colossians: Fullness of Life in Christ* by Lydia Brownback begins on Tuesday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet and books will be available next Sunday.

With the completion of Systematic Theology, the Monday afternoon study will continue with John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, September 21–December 14, 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Lory Wood for more information.

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 48 - August 2

Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?

To distinguish his people from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.

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. Begins September 15

Giving

General Fund

2026 YTD Giving	\$ 333,878
2026 Budget	\$ 487,603

Deacon Fund

2026 YTD Giving	\$ 4,246
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

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

Security Team

Today	Paul Folta
Next Week	Christian Ragle

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Ralph Jansen & Holly Kisly
Next Week	Levi & Isabelle Powell

Nursery

Today	Annalise Aikens Nancy Tuuk
Next Week	Jenae Larson Isabelle Powell