

First Presbyterian Church

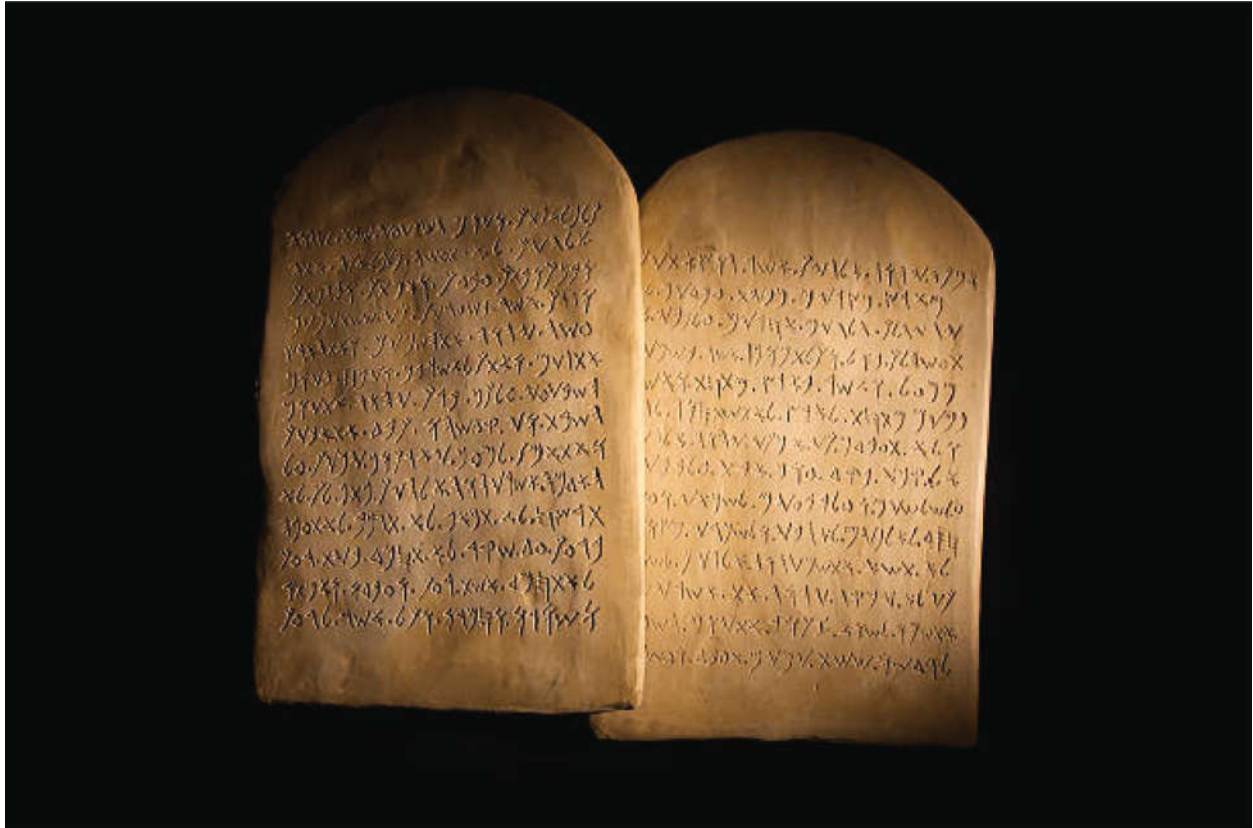
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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

Almighty and Merciful God, may I be able to say, “Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but you are the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Psalm 73:25-26

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

³⁰ tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — Glory Be to God the Father



1. Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; Glo-ry
2. Glo-ry be to him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain! Glo-ry
3. Glo-ry to the King of an - gels; glo - ry to the church 's King; Glo-ry
4. "Glo-ry bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings; "Hon-or,



be to God the Spi - rit, Great Je - ho - vah, three in one! Glo-ry,
be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign! Glo-ry,
to the King of na - tions! Heav'n and Earth, your prai-ses bring! Glo-ry,
rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings! Glo-ry,



glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to the King of glo - ry bring!
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of Kings!

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Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Hymn of Praise — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1. Come, thou fount of e - v'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of
2. Here I raise my E - be - ne - zer; hi - ther by thy help I'm come; and I
3. O to grace how great a deb - tor dai - ly I'm con - strained to be; let that
4. Oh that day when freed from sin - ning I shall see thy love - ly face; full ar -
mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me
hope, by thy good plea - sure, sa - fely to ar - rive at home. Je - sus
grace now like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to
rayed in blood - washed li - nen, how I'll sing thy sov - 'reign grace. Come, my
some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my
Lord, no lon - ger tar - ry, bring thy pro - mi - ses to pass; for I
mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.
know thy pow'r will keep me, till I'm home with thee at last.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 5:1-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

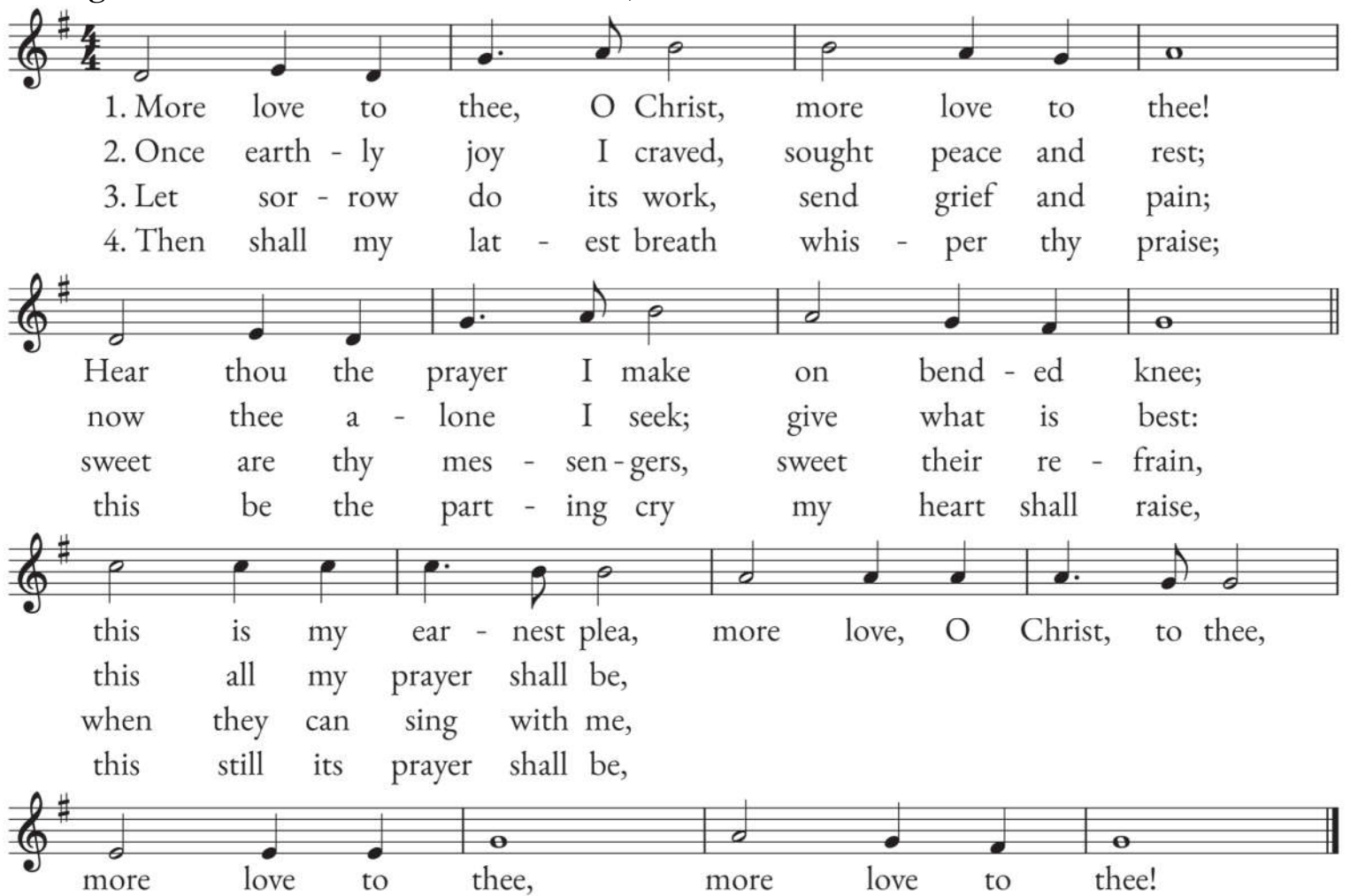
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Profession of Faith — Heidelberg question 113

What is the aim of the tenth commandment?

That not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in our hearts. Rather, with all our hearts we should always hate sin and take pleasure in whatever is right.

Song of Confession — More Love to Thee, O Christ



1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

3. Let sor - row do its work, send grief and pain;

4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;

now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best:

sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,

this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise,

this is my ear - nest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,

this all my prayer shall be,

when they can sing with me,

this still its prayer shall be,

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Text: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1869; Music: MORE LOVE TO THEE, William H. Doane, 1868

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 1:3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

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

Song of Rejoicing – Turn Your Eyes



1. Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face, and the
2. Turn your eyes to the hill - side, where jus - tice and mer-cy em-braced, there the
3. Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a - wake. What a
4. Turn your eyes to the hea - vens; our King will re-turn for his own. E - v'ry



things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.

Son of God gave his life for us, and our meas-ure-less debt was e - raised.
glo-rious dawn; fear of death is gone, for we car - ry his life in our veins.
knee will bow e - v'ry tongue will shout: "All glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"



Je - sus, to you we lift our eyes; Je - sus, our glo-ry and our prize. We a -



-dore you, be-hold you, our Sa-vior e-ver true. Oh Je - sus, we turn our eyes to you.

First verse by Helen H. Lemmel, additional works and music by George Romanacce, Nathan Stiff, Nic Trout, and Kevin Winebarger.

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Sermon

The Heart Condition
Exodus 20:17

Pastor Andy Aikens

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – All I Have is Christ



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way; the sin that
 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - diff-'rent to the cost, you looked up-
 3. Now, Lord, I would be yours a - lone and live so all might see the strength to



pro - mised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 fol - low your com-mands could ne - ver come from me. O Fa - ther,



hope that you would own a re - bel to your will, and if you
 held God's love dis - played, you suf-fered in my place; you bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way you choose, and let my



had not loved me first I would re-fuse you still. (2. But as I)
 wrath re-served for me, now all I know is grace!
 song for - e - ver be, "My on - ly boast is you."



Hal-le - lu - - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -



lu - - jah! Je-sus is my life. Hal-le - life.

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Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
 and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all.

News and Announcements

Sign-up sheets for the August 30 Fellowship Lunch are now available on the table in the hallway. Please sign up today to help the Hospitality Team prepare.

There are two options to join in on the Women's Fall Bible Study of *Colossians: Fullness of Life in Christ* by Lydia Brownback, beginning Thursday, August 27, 6 p.m., at April Marion's house or beginning Tuesday, September 15, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets and books are available on the table in the hallway. The cost is \$10.

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. Sign-up sheets are available in the hallway. 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 49 - August 9

Where is Christ now?

In heaven, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us.

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
Women's Thursday 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. Resumes September 15
6:00 p.m. Resumes August 27

Our Missionary Family International

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