

First Presbyterian Church

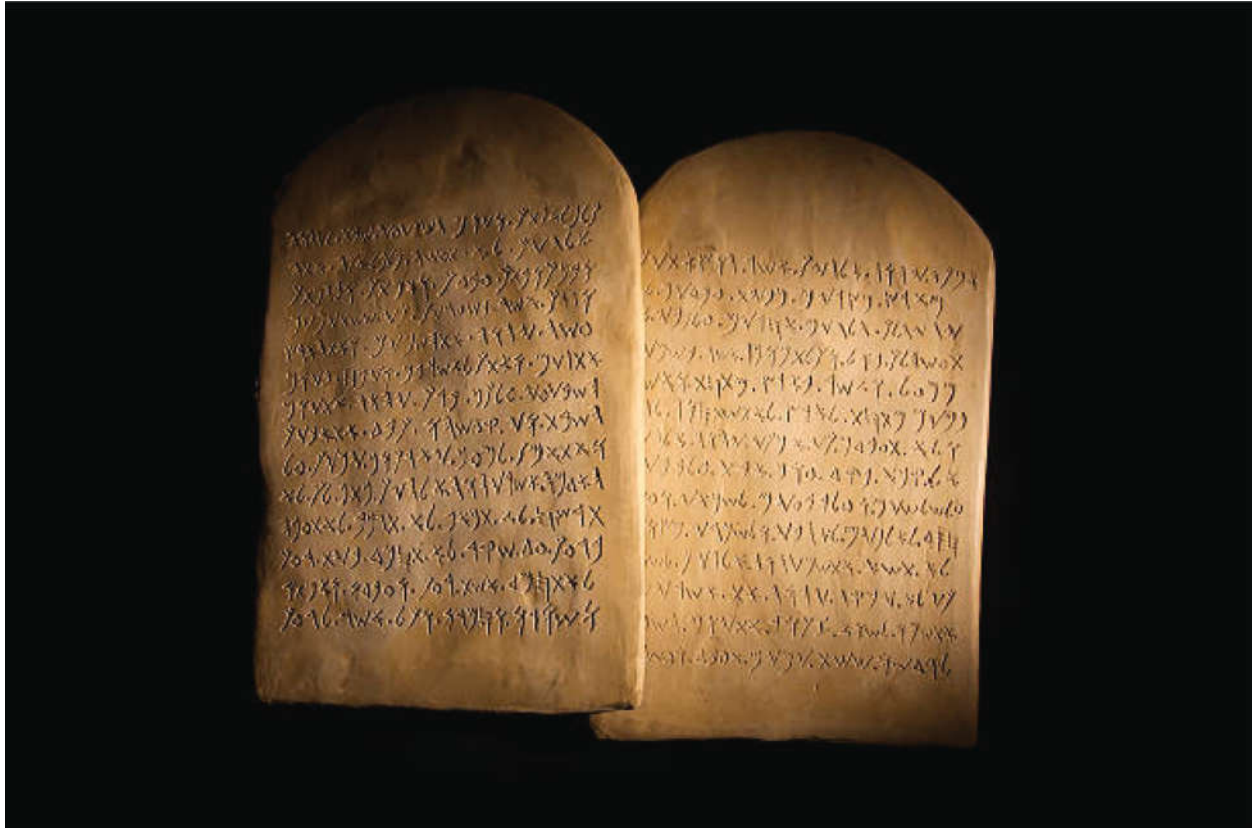
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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

You, Lord, are patience, and pity, and sweetness, and love; therefore we are not consumed. You have exalted your mercy above all things, and have made our salvation, not our punishment, your glory; so that there, where sin abounded, grace superabounded. Accordingly, where we had sinned beyond any help in heaven or earth, then you said, "I come!" Then did the Lord of life, unable of himself to die, contrive to do it. He took flesh, he wept, he died. For his enemies he died. Blessed Savior! Many waters could not quench your love, nor no pit overwhelm it. The streams of your blood coursed through darkness, grave, and hell, and yet in spite of these conflicts and hazards, you did arise triumphant, and therein made us victorious.

George Herbert

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:19-22

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — O Bless the Lord, My Soul (Psalm 103)



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to you pro-claim! And
2. He will not al-ways chide; he will with pa-tience wait. His
3. He clothes you with his love; up-holds you with his truth; and
all that is with-in me join to bless his ho-ly Name! O
wrath is e-ver slow to rise, and read-y to a-bate. He
like the ea-gle he re-news the vi-gor of your youth. Then
bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear in mind! For-
par-dons all your sins; pro-longs your fee-ble breath. He
bless his ho-ly Name, whose grace has made you whole, whose
-get not all his be-ne-fits! The Lord to you is kind.
heals all your in-firm-i-ties, and ran-soms you from death.
lov-ing-kind-ness crowns your days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

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Hymn of Praise — Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of Spring:
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 - ra - tion, now and for - e - ver - more be thine.

Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677, Tr. 1850, 1873;

Music: CRUSADER'S HYMN, Silesian folk song, Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842;

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Scripture Reading — Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism #87

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

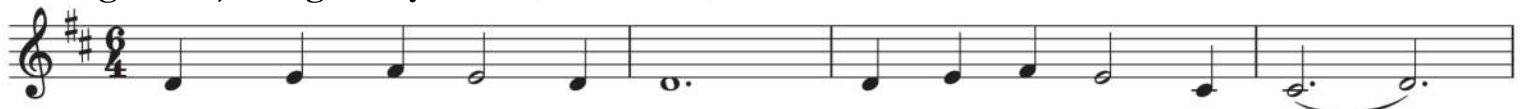
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 1 John 4:9-12

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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

Song of Rejoicing – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1. Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;—
2. Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, can heal my bruised soul.——
3. Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load——
4. Thy death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;——
5. Thy right-eous-ness, O Christ, alone can cover me.——



they tell me all is done, they bid my fear depart. To
Thy stripes, not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole.
of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God.
ten thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
No right-eous-ness avails save that which is of thee.



whom save thee who canst alone for



sin alone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Sacrament of Baptism

Sermon

Repentance and the 8th Commandment
Exodus 22:1-15

Pastor Andy Aikens

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 – Keep the Feast



1. Joy - ful - ly we join you at your ta - ble, plead-ing not our right-eous-ness.
2. Who is fit to feast with such a Sa - vior? Who his san-dals could un - tie?
3. Hap-py sign of friend-ship and re - un - ion with the bless-ed three in one.



By your wealth of mer - cy, we are a - ble now to feast in con - fi-dence.
Who are we that he would show us fa - vor, grant-ing us this gift of life?
Fore-taste of that glo - ri - ous com-mun-ion, vi - sion of the world to come.



Take this bread and eat; take this cup and drink. Re -

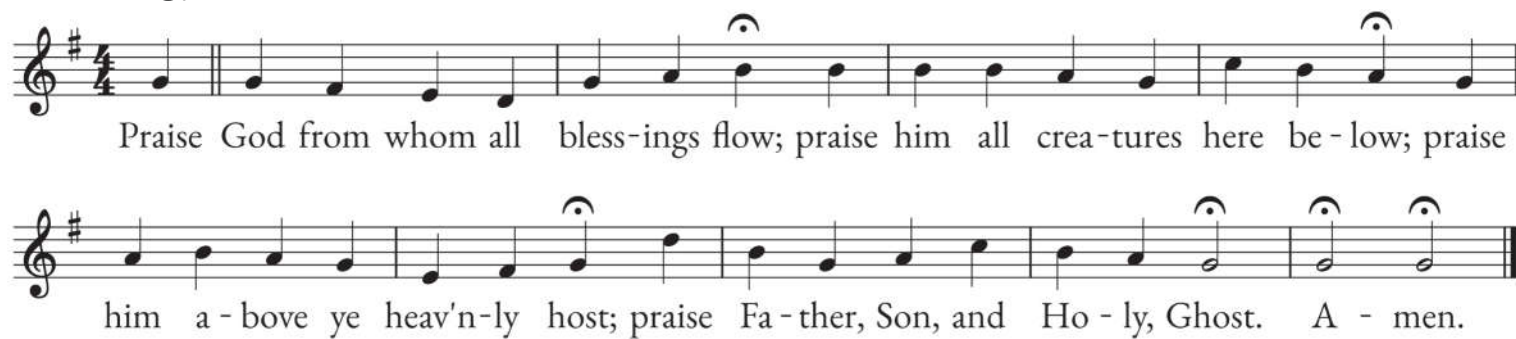


-mem - ber how he loved us; re - joice and keep the feast.

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Serving of the Lord's Supper

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be-low; praise
him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly, Ghost. A-men.

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

The Thursday evening and Tuesday morning Colossians Bible study classes are invited to the September 15 class at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a combined breakfast fellowship and introduction to Colossians. Please bring a breakfast food to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Parents, if you'd like to begin a new year helping your children learn the First Catechism, an outline of a gospel-framework and flashcards are available on the table in the hallway by the back door. See Hope Aikens if you have any questions.

Printed copies of the September Newsletter are available on the hallway table.

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 1 - September 6

What is God?

God is a Spirit and does not have a body like man.

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)
Sunday Evening Worship
Women's Monday Theology Study
Women's Tuesday Bible Study
Women's Thursday Bible Study
Men's Thursday Bible Study
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch
Young at Heart (YAH) Lunch
Women in God's Service (WinGS)

10:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. On Break
2:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. Resumes September 15
6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
Monthly
Monthly
Quarterly

Giving

General Fund

2026 YTD Giving	\$ 376,140
2026 Budget	\$ 534,802

Deacon Fund

2026 YTD Giving	\$ 4,766
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	Orville Ennis

Ministry Support

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

Greeters

Today	Kevin & Val Wyson
Next Week	Terri Fleck & Faith Ralph

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Brianna Ragle
Next Week	Piper Larson Reba Norris