

First Presbyterian Church

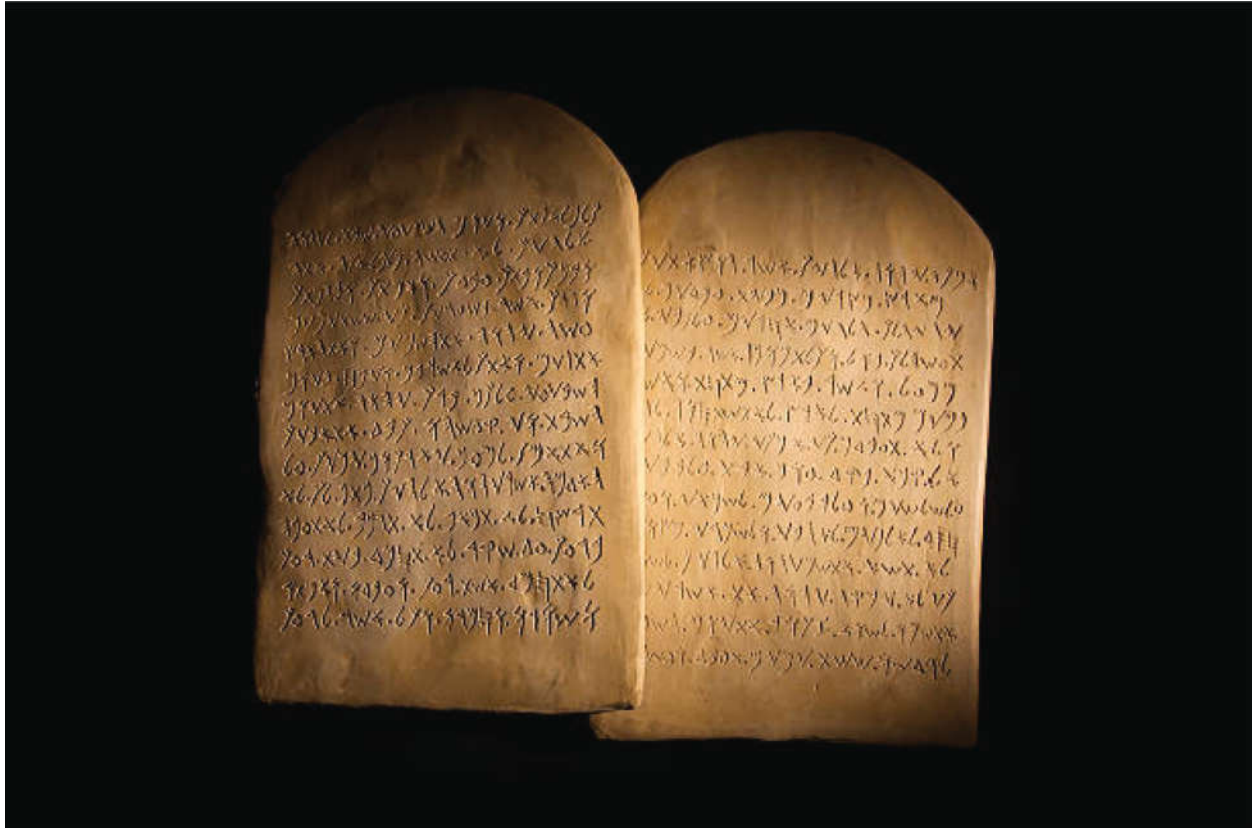
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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

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 Lord God Almighty, we thank you that you have not left us without hope in that world which is to come. Help us this morning to praise the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, by whose gospel, life and immortality are brought to light. Thank you that we may be instructed in those things which concern our salvation, for this holy Sabbath, for your written Word, and for all other means of grace which you have entrusted to us. Amen.

Henry Thornton

Call to Worship – Psalm 145:1-3

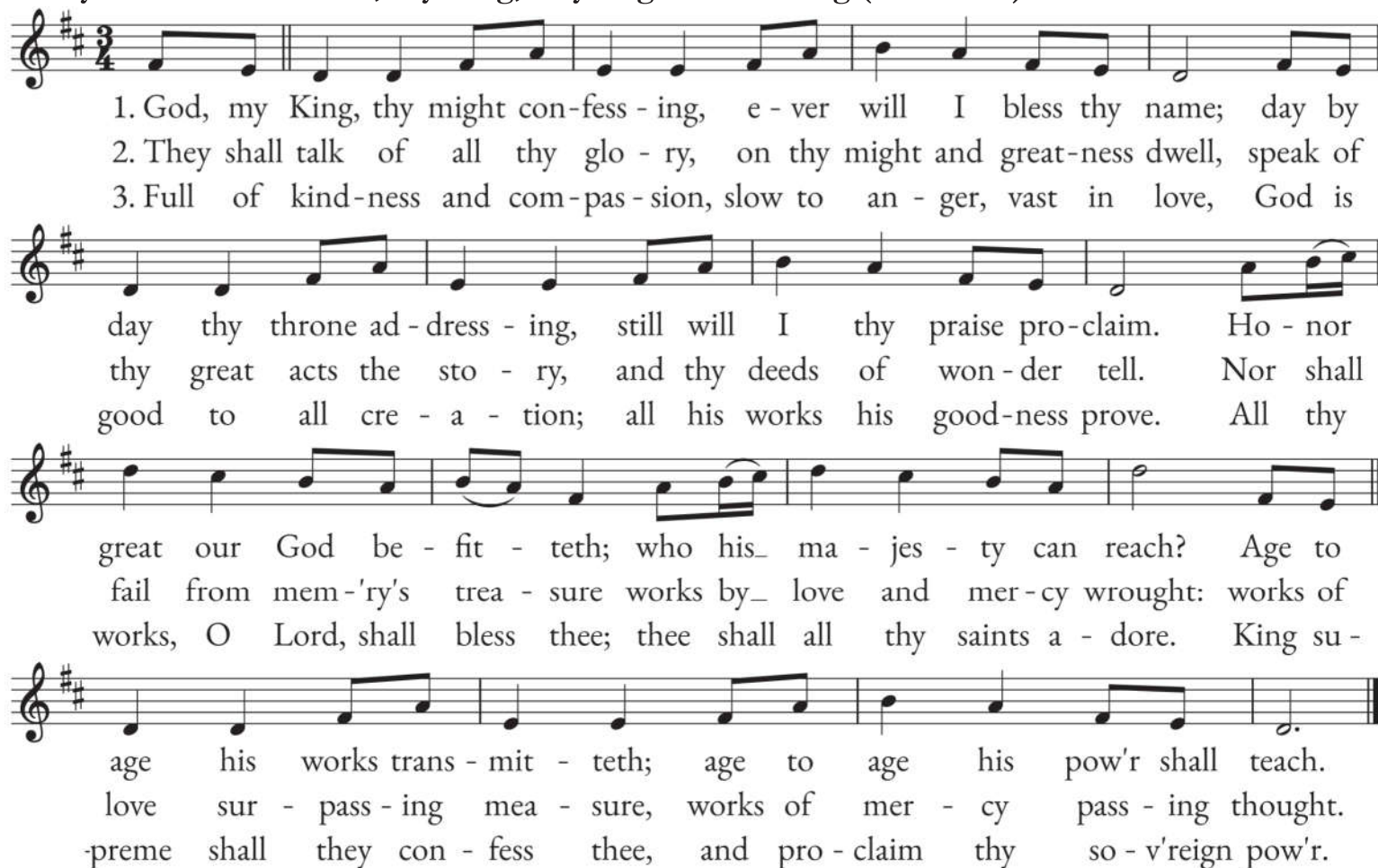
I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise – God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (Psalm 145)



1. God, my King, thy might con-fess - ing, e - ver will I bless thy name; day by

2. They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and great-ness dwell, speak of

3. Full of kind-ness and com-pas - sion, slow to an - ger, vast in love, God is

day thy throne ad - dress - ing, still will I thy praise pro-claim. Ho - nor

thy great acts the sto - ry, and thy deeds of won - der tell. Nor shall

good to all cre - a - tion; all his works his good-ness prove. All thy

great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes - ty can reach? Age to

fail from mem - 'ry's trea - sure works by love and mer - cy wrought: works of

works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints a - dore. King su -

age his works trans - mit - teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.

love sur - pass - ing mea - sure, works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.

-preme shall they con - fess thee, and pro - claim thy so - v'reign pow'r.

Text: From Psalm 145, Richard Mant, 1824; alt, 1990; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825; CCLI #1850411

Hymn of Praise – Wonderful, Merciful Savior



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre-cious Re-deem-er and friend!
2. Coun-sel - or, Com-fort - er, Keep - er, Spi - rit we long to em - brace,
3. Al - might-y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith-ful - ly lov - ing your own,



Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh_ you
you of - fer hope when our hearts have hope-less-ly lost the way, oh_ we've
here in our weak - ness you find us fall - ing be - fore your throne, oh_ we're



res - cue the souls of men!
hope-less - ly lost the way. You are the one that we praise,____
fall - ing be - fore your throne.



you are the one we a - dore.____ You give the heal-ing and grace our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh_ our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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Scripture Reading – Hebrews 9:18-26

Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”

²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

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 – Hebrews 7:23-25

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Now, lift up your hearts to the Lord!
My heart I offer to you, O Lord; promptly and sincerely!

Song of Rejoicing – Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with-
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right-eous-

plea: a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for
-in, up-ward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my
-ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I AM", the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with him - self, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in Heav'n he stands no tongue can
free, for God the just is sa - tis - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.

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Sermon Notes:

1. New Life with God (vv 1-8)

2. Fellowship with God (vv 9-11)

3. Sabbath Rest with God (vv 12-18)

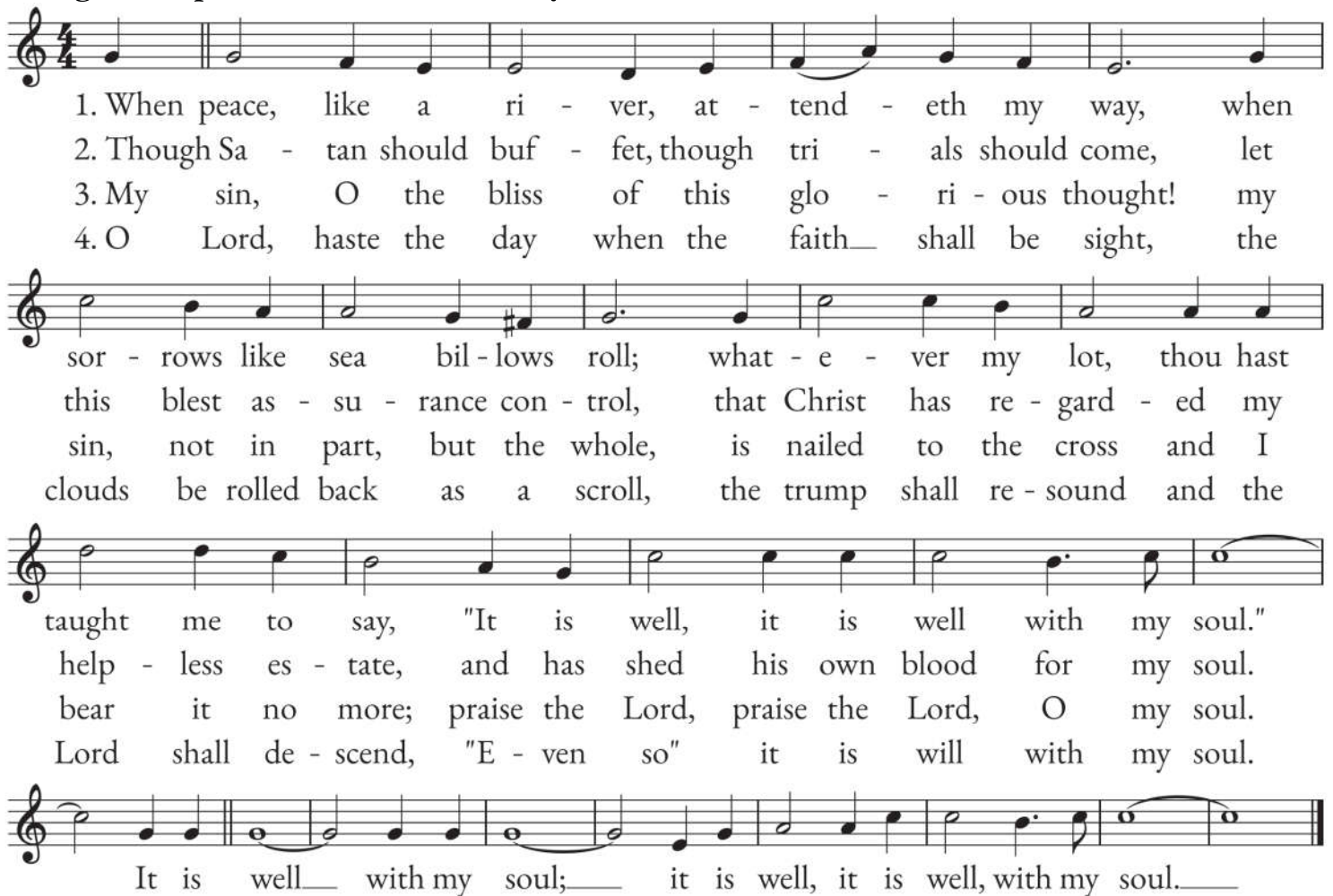
The Lord's Supper

The Lord's supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church to join us in partaking of this meal together today.

If you have not professed faith in Christ, not been baptized, and are not member of a Bible-believing evangelical church, please do not partake of the meal today. Take this opportunity to pray and examine your relationship both to Christ our Savior and to His bride, the church. If you wish to learn more about how to become a part of the family of the redeemed, one of the pastors or elders would be happy to meet with you after the service.

The bread is gluten free; in the distribution of the cup, the outer ring contains grape juice, and the inner rings contain wine.

Song of Response – It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace, like a ri - ver, at - tend - eth my way, when
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3. My sin, O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! my
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - e - ver my lot, thou hast
this blest as - su - rance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" it is will with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1876; CCLI #1850411

Benediction – Hebrews 3:6-5

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant,
to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,
⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.
And we are his house,
if indeed we hold fast our confidence
and our boasting in our hope.

News and Announcements

Our Sunday Evening Worship Service begins! Mark your calendar for October 18, 6 p.m., for a series in Philippians. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

The next Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) lunch is at Willow Café in Fairfield Glade, Wednesday, October 7, at 1 p.m.

FPC members, Elder and Deacon Nominations Forms are available on the hallway table. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to put forward and return your form to an active Elder by Sunday, October 18.

The Fine Arts School of Music presents **Mini Music Makers**. This 16-week group music class is for 4 and 5-year-olds, held Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting **January 6, 2027**. Through fun rhythm games, singing, and instrument exploration, children will build a strong musical foundation. Registration deadline is December 1, 2026. For more information or to register, please contact April Stewart at 931-337-6662 or fineartsschoolofmusic@firstprescrossville.org.

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 5 - October 4

Does God know all things?

Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Can God do all things?

Yes. God can do all his holy will.

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. Begins October 18
2:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
Monthly
Monthly
Quarterly

Giving

General Fund

2026 YTD Giving \$ 403,692
2026 Budget \$ 534,802

Deacon Fund

2026 YTD Giving \$ 6,156
2026 Budget \$ 9,000
2026 Disbursements \$ 1,300

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
Peter Dietsch TE, Associate Pastor
Robert Berman, RE '27
Eric Larson, RE '28
Jim Sparks RE '26
Richard Parks RE '27
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

Deacons

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John Reed '26
Mike Tuuk '27
Greg Wood '28

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School of Music Director April Stewart
Finance/Admin Holly Kisly

Ministry Support

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

Security Team

Today Greg Wood
Next Week Tim Grimes

Greeters

Today Michael & Yvette Perle
Next Week Gary & Patti Thompson

Nursery

Today Annalise Aikens
 Jenae Larson
Next Week Sasha Graham
 Brianna Sears