

# 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

MIGHTY GOD,

I humble myself for faculties misused, opportunities neglected, words ill-advised, I repent of my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. O bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' blood and let no evil result from my fretful temper, unseemly behavior, provoking pettiness.

If by unkindness I have wounded or hurt another, do pour in the balm of heavenly consolation; If I have turned coldly from need, misery, grief, do not in just anger forsake me; If I have withheld relief from poverty and pain, do not withhold your gracious bounty from me. If I have shunned those who have offended me, keep open the door of your heart to my need.

Fill me with an overflowing ocean of compassion,  
the reign of love my motive, the law of love my rule.

*The Valley of Vision*

### Call to Worship – Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

## Hymn of Praise – Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him



1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glo - rious; ne - ver shall his pro - mise fail;
3. Wor - ship, ho - nor, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to thee;



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, all ye stars and light.  
God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.  
young and old, thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad ho - mage bend the knee.



Praise the Lord! for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;  
All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee; we would bow be - fore thy throne;



laws which ne - ver shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance hath he made.  
heav'n and earth and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.  
as thine an - gels serve be - fore thee, so on earth thy will be done.

Text: st. 1 & 2 Anonymous; st. 3 Edward Osler; Music: Franz Joseph Haydn; CCLI #1850411

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn of Praise – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise, the
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free; his
5. He speaks and list' - ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive; the
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loo-sen'd tongues em - ploy; ye



glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.  
spread through all the earth a - broad the ho - nors of thy name.  
mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
blind, be - hold your Sa - vior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Alt. 1961; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; CCLI #1850411

## Scripture Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

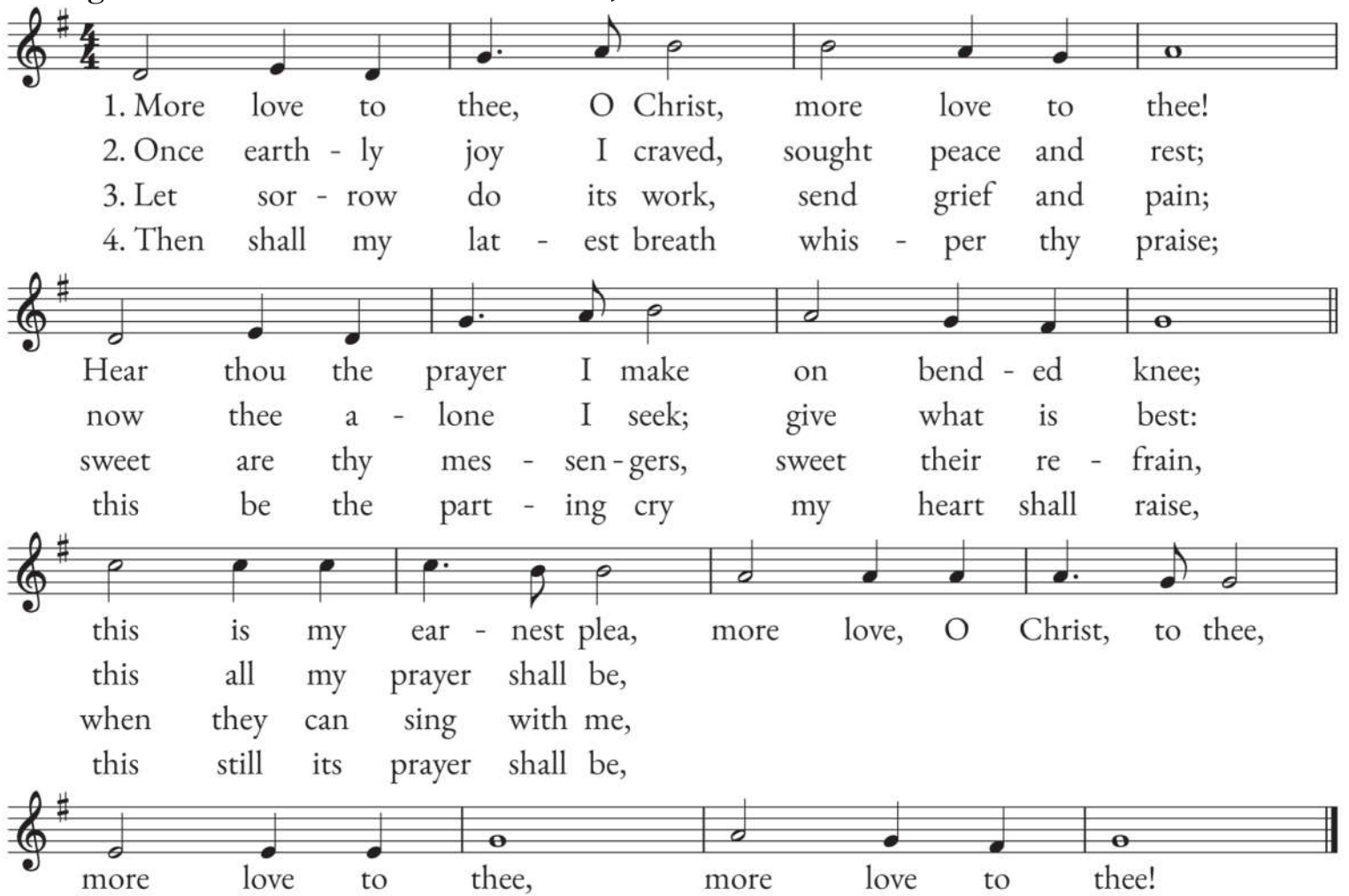
## Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith, 26

**All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.**

**Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**This communion which the saints have with Christ, does not make them in any wise partakers of the substance of his Godhead; or to be equal with Christ in any respect: either of which to affirm is impious and blasphemous. Nor does their communion one with another, as saints, take away, or infringe the title or propriety which each man has in his goods and possessions.**

## 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 – Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,<sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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

### Song of Rejoicing – Grace Unmeasured

1. Grace un-meas-ured, vast and free, that knew me from e - ter - ni - ty, that  
2. Grace a-bound-ing, strong and true that makes me long to be like you, that

called me out be-fore my birth to bring you glo - ry on this earth.  
turns me from my self - ish pride to love the cross on which you died.

Grace a - maz - ing, pure and deep, that saw me in my mis - er - y, that  
Grace un-end - ing, all my days, you'll give me strength to run this race, and

took my curse and owned my blame so I could bear your right-eous name.  
when my years on earth are through, the praise will all be - long to you.

Grace, grace, grace paid for my\_ sins and brought me to\_ life.

Grace, grace, grace clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.

Grace, grace, grace will lead me to\_ heav'n where I'll see your face and

ne - ver cease to thank you for your grace.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. It consists of 11 staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1 and 2 indicating different parts of the song. The score includes various musical notations such as beams, slurs, and repeat signs. The final staff ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

**Sermon Notes:**

1. How: Give from the heart (v 2)
2. What: Give from what the Lord has given you (vv 3-7)
3. Why: Give for the Lord's tabernacling ministry (v 8)

## Song of Response – Lord, Thou Lov’st the Cheerful Giver



1. Lord, thou lov’st the cheer - ful\_ gi - ver, who with o - pen heart and hand
2. We are\_ thine, thy mer - cy\_ sought us\_ found us\_ in death’s dread - ful way,
3. Blest by\_ thee with gifts and grac - es,\_ may we\_ heed thy church -’s call;
4. Sa - vior, thou hast free - ly\_ gi - ven all the bless - ings we en - joy,



bless - es\_ free - ly, as a\_ ri - ver\_ that re - fresh - es all the land.  
to the\_ fold in safe - ty\_ brought us,\_ ne - ver - more from thee to stray.  
glad - ly\_ in all times and plac - es\_ give to\_ thee who giv - est all.  
earth - ly\_ store and bread of\_ heav - ven, love and peace with - out al - loy;



Grant us then the grace of\_ giv - ing with a spi - rit large and free,  
Thine own life thou free - ly\_ gav - est as an of - f’ring on the\_ cross  
Thou hast bought us, and no\_ lon - ger can we claim to be our own;  
hum - bly now we bow be - fore thee, and our all to thee re - sign;



that our lives and all our liv - ing\_ we may con - se - crate to thee.  
for each sin - ner whom thou sav - est\_ from e - ter - nal shame and loss.  
e - ver\_ free and e - ver\_ stron - ger, we shall serve thee, Lord, a - lone.  
for the\_ king - dom, pow’r and glo - ry,\_ are, O\_ Lord, for - e - ver thine.

Text: Robert Murray, 1898; Music: HOLY MANNA, Attr. to William Moore, 1825; CCLI #1850411

## 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,  
<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## News and Announcements

Our Sunday Evening Worship Service begins tonight! Come at 6 p.m. for a series in Philippians.

FPC members, Elder and Deacon Nominations Forms are due today.

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting following morning worship on October 25 to discuss the building program.

Our next Fellowship Lunch is on November 8 following the worship service. Sign up sheets are on the hallway table.

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](mailto: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 7 - October 18

How did God create man?

**God created man, male and female, after his own image.**

## Schedule

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Morning Worship Service        | 10:45 a.m. |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages) | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Sunday Evening Worship                | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Women's Monday Theology Study         | 2:00 p.m.  |
| Women's Tuesday Bible Study           | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Women's Thursday Bible Study          | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Men's Thursday Bible Study            | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch  | Monthly    |
| Young at Heart (YAH) Lunch            | Monthly    |
| Women in God's Service (WinGS)        | Quarterly  |

## 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

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   |

## Ministry Support

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

## Security Team

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Today     | Kevin Wyson  |
| Next Week | Cole Mayhugh |

## Greeters

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Today     | Mike & Nancy Tuuk        |
| Next Week | Herb & Judy Vroegindewey |

## Nursery

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| Today     | Reba Norris   |
|           | Nancy Tuuk    |
|           | Yasha Bitner  |
| Next Week | Eleanor Falta |