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 MY GOD AND HEAVENLY FATHER,

Knit my heart to yours through the hearing and reading of your Word, that where you love most, there I may love also. Grant your grace to watch and pray that I enter not into temptation. Draw my mind upward, move me by your Spirit to be rapt and ravished with the sight and feeling of heavenly things this day. Let me not be carried away with the vain pleasures and fond delights of this world. Good Father, work the good work of the gospel in me, never leave me nor forsake me, til you have brought me safely home, that place of true happiness. Amen.

from *Every Day Prayer with the Puritans*

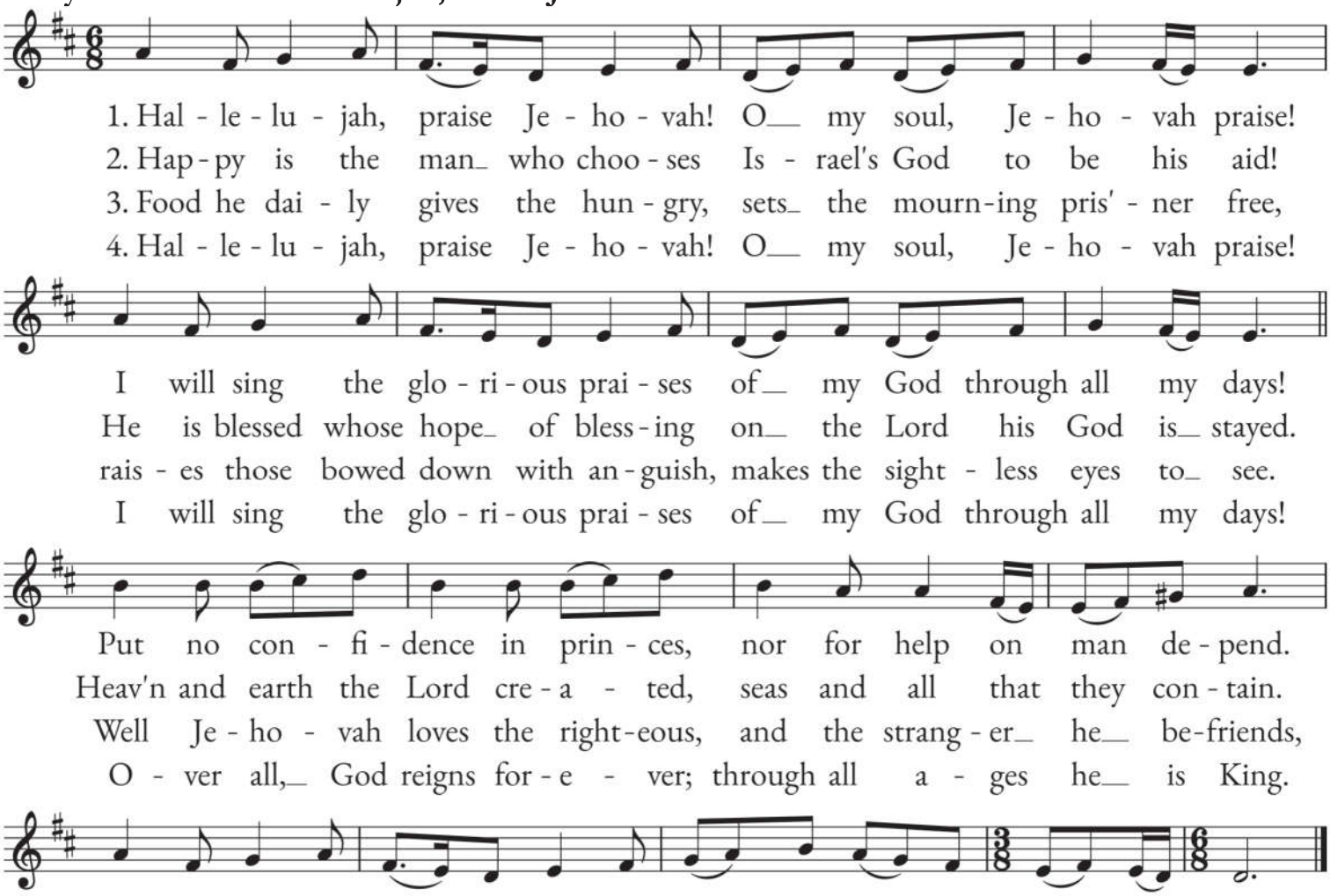
Call to Worship – Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
3 Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

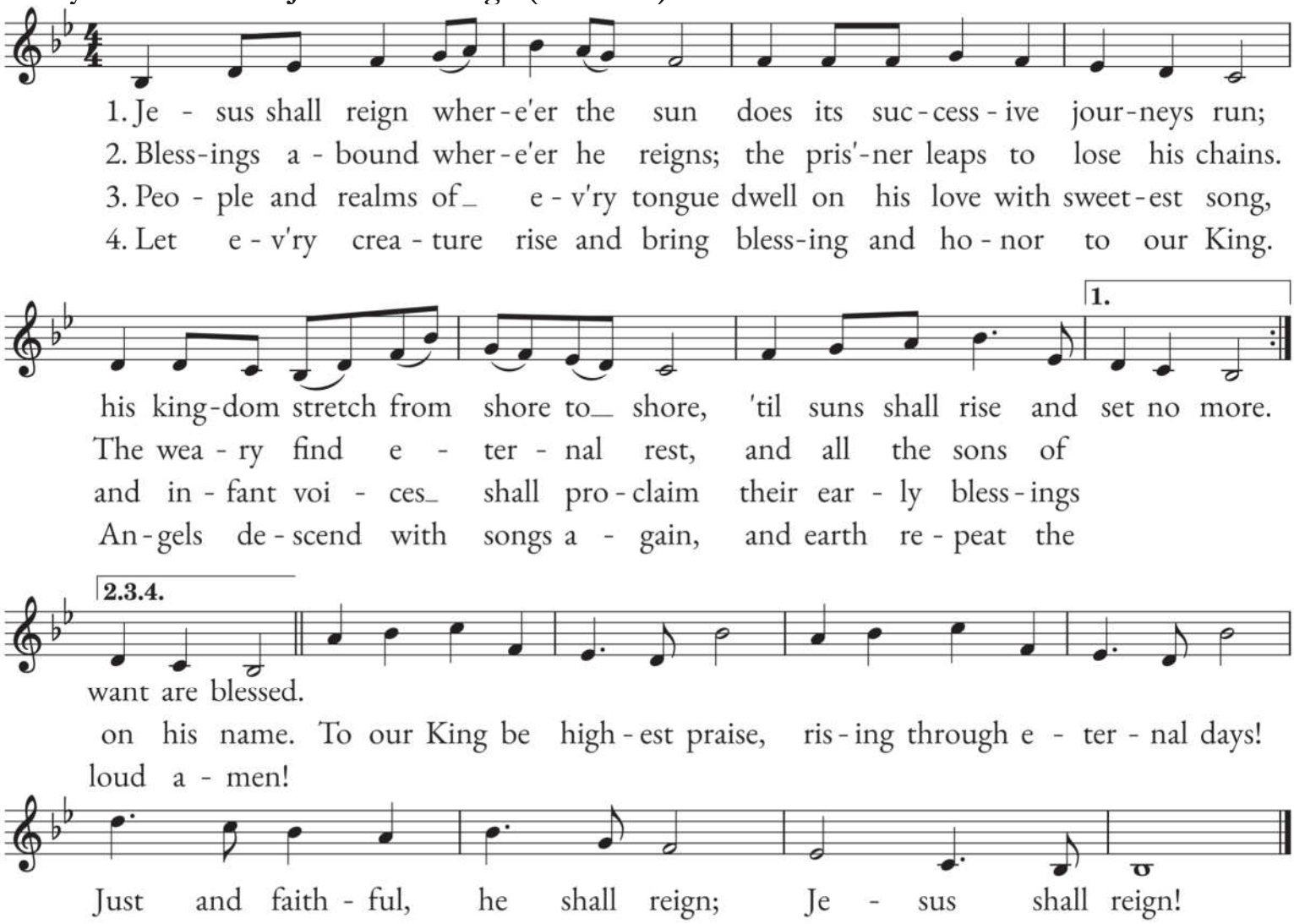
Hymn of Praise – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah



Text: Scottish Psalter; Music: Darwin Jordan; ©1982 Darwin Jordan Music

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise – Jesus Shall Reign (Psalm 72)



Text: Based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793;
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Scripture Reading – Acts 7:44-60

"Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed
him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. 45 Our fathers in turn brought it in
with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was
until the days of David, 46 who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling
place for the God of Jacob. 47 But it was Solomon who built a house for him. 48 Yet the Most
High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

49 "'Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?'

51 "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit.
As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And
they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you
have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not
keep it."

54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.
55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the
Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and
stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned
him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And
as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And falling to his
knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he
had said this, he fell asleep.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 8.3

The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator, and surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

Song of Confession – I Need Thee Every Hour



Text: Annie S. Hawks, 1872, refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; Music: NEED, Robert Lowry, 1872; CCLI #1850411

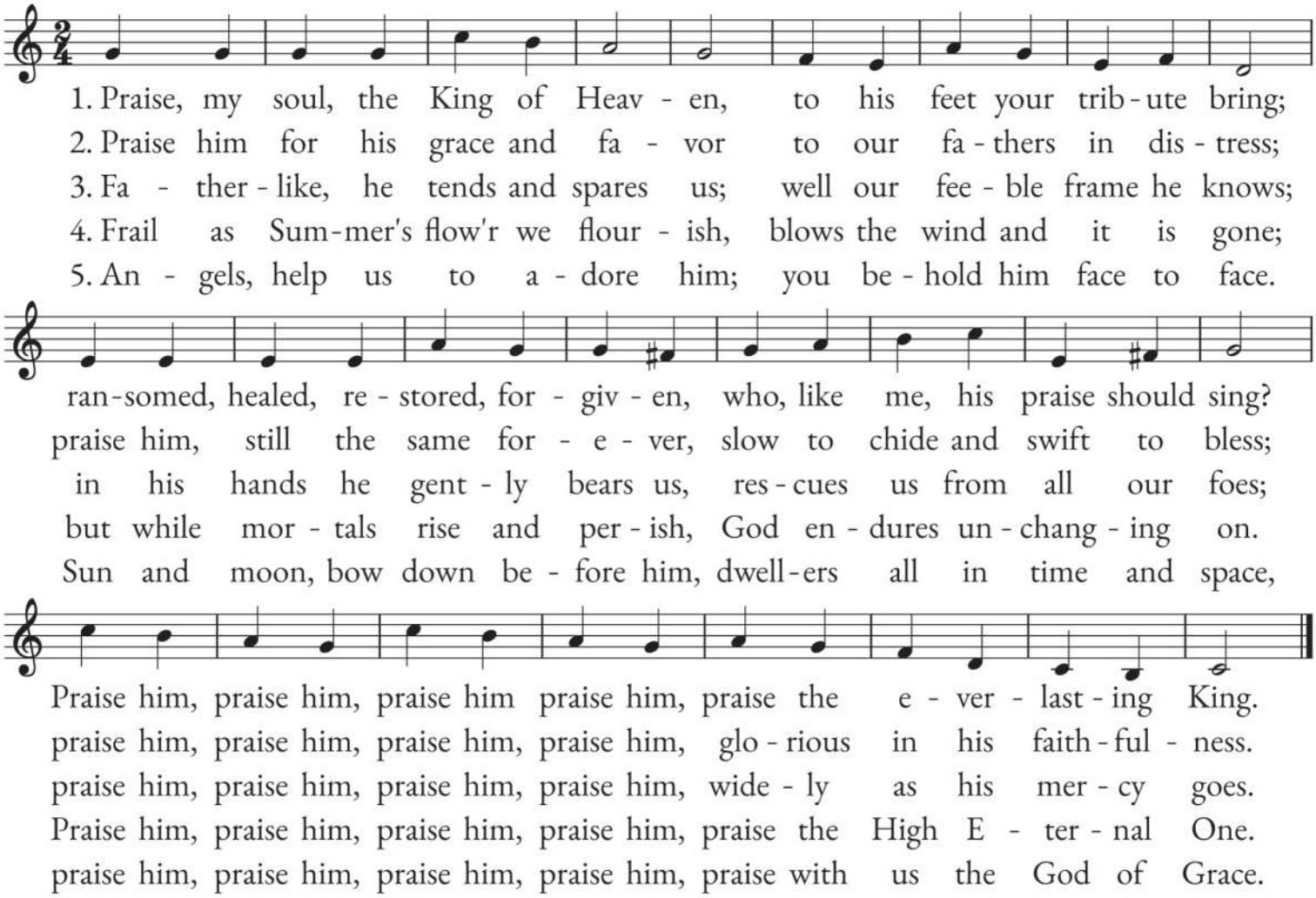
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 103:9-13

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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

Song of Rejoicing – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



Text: From Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod. Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Gross, 1869; CCLI #1850411

Sermon Notes:

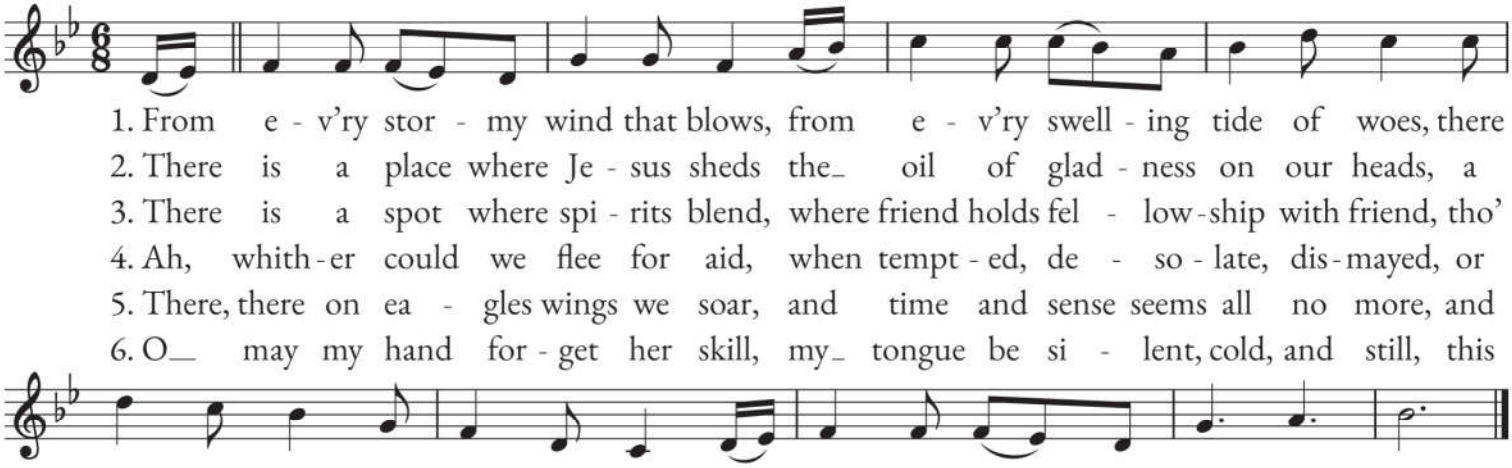
1. The Ark of the Covenant (vv 10-22)

2. The Table of the Bread of Presence (vv 23-30)

3. The Golden Lampstand (vv 31-39)

4. Moses' Heavenly Vision (vv 9 & 40)

Song of Response – From Every Stormy Wind That Blows



1. From e - v'ry stor - my wind that blows, from e - v'ry swell - ing tide of woes, there is a calm, a sure re - treat; 'tis found be - neath the mer - cy seat.
2. There is a place where Je - sus sheds the oil of glad - ness on our heads, a place than all be - sides more sweet; it is the blood - stained mer - cy seat.
3. There is a spot where spi - rits blend, where friend holds fel - low - ship with friend, tho' sun - dered far; by faith they meet a - round the com - mon mer - cy seat.
4. Ah, whith - er could we flee for aid, when tempt - ed, de - so - late, dis - mayed, or how the hosts of hell de - feat, had suf - f'ring saints no mer - cy seat?
5. There, there on ea - gles wings we soar, and time and sense seems all no more, and heav'n come down our souls to greet, and glo - ry crowns the mer - cy seat.
6. O may my hand for - get her skill, my tongue be si - lent, cold, and still, this bound - ing heart for - get to beat, if I for - get the mer - cy seat.

Text: Hugh Stowell, 1828, 1831; Music: RETREAT, Thomas Hastings, 1842, Arr by Rhys Thomas, 1916; CCLI #1850411

Benediction – Hebrews 9:11-12

But when Christ appeared as a high priest
of the good things that have come,
then through the greater and more perfect tent
(not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)
[12] he entered once for all into the holy places,
not by means of the blood of goats and calves
but by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

News and Announcements

Our Sunday Evening Worship Service is at 6 p.m. Join us for a series in Philippians.

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting following morning worship today 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 is offering two 16-week group classes starting January 6, 2027:

- Mini Music Makers for ages 4–5
- Little Strummers: Learning the Ukulele for ages 6–8

Both programs build a fun, engaging musical foundation through games, rhythm, and hands-on exploration. Registration deadline is December 1, 2026. For more information or to register, please contact April Stewart at 931-337-6662 or fineartsschoolofmusic@firstprescrossville.org

The New Members Class will be starting on November 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The sign up sheet is on the hallway table. Please take a book for the class when you sign up.

If you would like to assist with Operation Christmas Child, there are packing parties scheduled on Tuesday, October 27, 11:30 and Saturday, October 31, 9:30. The last day to drop a filled box is November 8. Contact Val Wyson for more information. Please take a book for the class when you sign up.

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 8 - October 25

Do you have a soul as well as a body?
Yes, and my soul is going to last forever.

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.
Men's Discipleship Wednesday	6:00 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

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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	Aubrey Lewis
Next Week	Gary Thompson

Greeters

Today	Herb & Judy Vroegindewey
Next Week	Orville & Audrey Ennis

Nursery

Today	Yasha Bitner Eleanor Falta
Next Week	Isabelle Powell Sandy Reed