



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 11, 2026 ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

*Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Franklin.
The asterisk (*) invites all to rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.
Please silence cell phones.*

*Today's color is white, signifying the glory of the baptism of Jesus
and his declaration as God's Son, the Beloved.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

BELL PEAL / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT – “*O worship the Lord...*”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us gather together all who celebrate the gift of God's Love.

For the Lord walked among us and found favor in the eyes of God.

In Christ, we are also granted favor before God Almighty.

Then let us proclaim God's love to all the nations of the world!

Let our hearts sing with praise for God's love! Together, let us pray.

O God of all power and majesty, you created the heavens and stretched them out. You spread forth the earth and what comes from it. You give breath to the people and spirit to those who walk on the face of the planet. You are our Lord; glory is due Your name. The former things are past; we now await the new things You shall bring forth. We do indeed cry, “Glory!” as we gather to worship in your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God!

***HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you meet us at the water's edge, where heaven opens, and your voice speaks love. And yet we confess: we often wade in cautiously, holding back parts of ourselves we do not want seen. We resist repentance because we fear what it might cost us. We cling to old patterns, old labels, old sins, even when you are ready to wash us clean. Like John, we question whether we are worthy to stand in your presence, and like the crowds, we forget why we came.

Forgive us, O God, for settling for approval from others instead of resting in your delight. Forgive us for confusing busyness with faithfulness and success with obedience. Return us to the water. Name us again as your beloved and quiet every voice but yours.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE – *“Let thy face shine...”*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

*HYMN OF PRAISE 583

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia! (REPEAT)

*THE READING OF THE LAW

Let us now remember the standard by which God calls us to live.

“God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's home; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Blessed are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Eddie Bellis

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward. Nursery (0-3) and
Children's Worship (ages 4 to K) information is on the back of the bulletin.*

CHORAL RESPONSE – *“Your Word is a lamp...”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible, p. 784)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Well Done!

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF RULING ELDERS

TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Judi Arnold, Rick Blackburn, Rich Crim, Tony Inglis, Rachael Stanfill

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE ELDERS ELECT

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Judi, Rick, Rich, Tony, and Rachael as Ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE AND WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

Fold and place your completed "Connection Card" in the plate offering.

To give online, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – "Jesus, joy of our desiring..."

*DOXOLOGY 606

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN REFLECTION / POSTLUDE

*RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist – The Chancel Choir

Clarke Oldham, Liturgist;

Caroline Freiburg, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in honor of my father, Eric Lache, for his 95th birthday by Barbara Roos.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Eric Lache

Ruthie Moulton

Deaths:

Jean Acklin's brother, Dale Prouty, December 26, 2025

Members:

Ted Bechtel, Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Jeff Doering, Carolyn Hayes, Caleb Lillard,
Anne Osborne, Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Thelma Wilhoite January 11, 1997

Cara Pyle January 12, 2002

Bob Morris January 14, 2014

John Deemy January 16, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive: TODAY from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Wilson Hall.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL): 6 PM- Dinner; 6:45-7:30 PM- Adult, Youth, and Children programs. Sign up on the FPC website or the Connection Card. This week, we'll hear from Martha Pierce & Rachael Jorstad as they share about Mission with Mountain T.O.P.

Holy Stitches: Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Holy Stitches is the new name for our expanded prayer shawl ministry, which now includes scarves and hats for our Mountain T.O.P. mission partners and blankets for new FPC babies. We're looking for new members—whether you'd like to join our monthly gatherings or contribute items from home. Learn more by contacting Karen Hanson at klhanson46@gmail.com. Join us **tomorrow, January 12**, from 1–2:30 PM in the church parlor.

Adults 55+ are invited to gather for lunch **tomorrow, January 12**, at 11:00 AM at Serrato's Steakhouse (3046 Columbia Ave). No sign-up is needed!

Pizza and Trivia Night: **Saturday, January 24** at 5:30 PM. Sign up on the website. All are invited!

Are you interested in learning more about FPC? Come to the Inquirer Gathering on **Sunday, January 25**, at 9 AM in the Parlor.

Upcoming WNL Series: FPC invites the congregation and community to a three-week Wednesday evening series, *My Faith as a Muslim in America*, beginning **January 28** and held in the sanctuary from 6:30–7:30 PM. The series features Samar Ali, Vanderbilt University Professor of Political Science and Law, and founder of the nonprofit Millions of Conversations, who will share her personal story and offer insight into Islam and the lived experience of Muslims in America. All are welcome to learn, listen, and engage in a spirit of respect and curiosity.

FISH Event: Join us **Saturday, January 31**, at 9 AM in Wilson Hall to assemble snack bags that help keep our neighbors nourished. These bags support Room In The Inn, our partners at MNPD, and the Metro Extreme Cold Weather Overflow Shelter.

Basic Essentials Collection: Donations of new or gently used small blankets and XXLarge & up Basic Men's & Women's Winter Coats may be placed in the Basic Essentials Cart just outside the Sanctuary to help support neighbors without a home during these cold winter nights.

Worship Flowers: Honor or remember loved ones by donating worship flowers in their name. Many 2026 dates are available. Cost is \$100. Flowers enhance worship and are shared with members as a sign of care. Sign up on the FPC Events page.

Adult Sunday School Classes: Join us Sundays at 9:00 AM.

The Bible Class, Room 207-*New* DVD Study: *The Story of the Bible*, led by Prof. Luke Timothy Johnson

Christian Faith & Life Class, Room 206- *New* Book Study: *The Message of the General Epistles in the History of Redemption: Wisdom from James, Peter, John, and Jude* by Brandon D. Crowe.

Exploration Class, Room 209- *New* Book Study: *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed The World* by Adam Hamilton (HYBRID ON ZOOM)

Feasting on the Word, Room 210- In-depth study of the weekly lectionary scripture

Living Faith Class, Room 208- Video format that allows for thoughtful consideration and discussion. (HYBRID ON ZOOM)

Keeping Current as a Christian, Room 213- Current Events Topics

Save the Date:

Scout Sunday – February 1

Youth Sunday & Winter Potluck - February 8

Use the QR code to visit the Events/Registrations page.



Responding to God's grace through worship, study, and service.

Our purpose is to joyfully follow Christ and respond to God's grace as an inclusive, multigenerational faith community by:

- Deepening discipleship through relevant worship and life-long learning
- Creating and nurturing congregational relationships
- Transforming lives and connecting with others through service

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to all who are here today. Whether you are from our community or visiting, we are glad to have you among us.

We strive to be inclusive and offer assistance for those with disabilities.

T-Coil hearing devices are available from members of the Hospitality Team. We have pew cutouts for accessibility and offer sensory nurturing items for children. If anyone has other needs or disabilities that require assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please don't hesitate to contact the church office at 615-794-5114.

Our Nursery is available for infants and children through 3 years old downstairs in Room 111. Children of all ages are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary.

Children's Worship is available for children ages 4 through kindergarten in Room 101 following Time with the Young Church. Those attending will be returned to the sanctuary before the end of the service. For accommodations and more information, please contact the Director of Youth Ministries, Sam Belcher (sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org).

Prayer requests to share concerns or celebrations may be sent to Anne Keener (akeener@fpcfranklin.org).

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Leanne Hoeffler
John Korab
Tammy Love
Starr Nolan
Phillip Otts

Class of 2027

Martha Johnson
Jim Petersen
Dan Crunk
Greg Bennorth
Sarah Fox

Class of 2028

Judi Arnold
Rich Crim
Rick Blackburn
Rachael Stanfill
Tony Inglis

THE CHURCH STAFF

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Dir. of Music/Organist
Sam Belcher, Dir. of Youth Ministries
Catherine Olson, Dir. of Operations

Marie Hayman, Accountant
Kate Lasseter, Nursery Coordinator
Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator
Linda Cairatti, Nursery Staff

First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a member of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, the Synod of Living Waters, and the General Assembly of the PC(USA).

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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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