



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 2026

*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.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

BELL PEAL / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the waters.

And God brought forth light and life.

In the wilderness, God went before the people in a cloud by day and by fire by night.

And God led them toward freedom.

In the valley of dry bones, God breathed again.

And what had been without life began to move.

In Jesus Christ, God came among us, full of grace and truth.

God so loved the world that God gave, and God's giving continues.

God's love is on the move, and

Moving toward us, moving among us, and moving through us.

Come, people of God. Let us worship the God who gives, the God who loves, the God who moves among us.

With grateful hearts and open hands, let us worship God!

*HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you opened your hands to us, but we close ours. You give generously, and we hold tightly to what we have. You call us to follow, and we choose what is comfortable. You place neighbors before us, and sometimes we fail to see them. You give us gifts to share, and we treat them as possessions to protect. You send your love into the world, and we allow that love to stop with us.

Forgive us, O God. Loosen our grip on the things we fear losing. Open our eyes to the people we overlook. Open our hearts to the grace we have already received. Open our hands so that your mercy, generosity, and love move through us and into your world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave himself in love for us, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Bow down thine ear..."

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

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22 (pg.803)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Love Is On The Move

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

***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.

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

Chancel Choir

"...give me understanding, give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law."

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100TH (Augmented Rhythm)

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 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir and Adam Troxler, Instrumentalist

Ryan Fox, Liturgist

Elizabeth Fox, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of my wife, Jane Skillen, by Jim Skillen.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Eugenie Ermis
Cathie Davidson's grandson, Kyle Davidson
Cathie Davidson's extended family member, Joe Marchegiani
Cathie Davidson's friends, Brenda Rauls, Nancy Miller, Don & Beverly McLain
Eugenie Ermis' family, Bonham family
Missy Kitchings's friends, Marcia Bittner and her mother

Births/Adoptions:

Lydia Elaine Arch, daughter of Becca and Danny Arch, September 12
great-granddaughter of Jon Bechtel

Members:

Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Marilyn Doering, Joe Duarte, Carolyn Hayes, Karen Hanson, Kim Lewis, Lillard Family, Erik Lund, Anne Osborne

Assisted Living/Homebound:

Derrell and Tee Billingsley- home
Ann Brown- The Lantern, Spring Hill
Carolyn Hayes- Canterfield
Joan Hetherington- home
Marilyn Miller- The Heritage
Nancy Morris- Somerby
Opal Plumley- The Heritage
Jane Stafford- Willow Springs, Spring Hill
Betty Willoughby- home

In Memory:

Doris Marsh	October 13, 2000
Brent Patrick	October 13, 2002
Jane Skillen	October 15, 2016
William Costen	October 17, 1995
Robert Beisecker	October 17, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring Pastor Eddie and Laura: Join us in Wilson Hall after worship **TODAY**, as we thank Eddie and Laura for their faithful service and wish them well in their next call. All are welcome. Eddie's last Sunday is October 25.

W-M & ARTS Event for OCT: The Vanderbilt Trombone Ensemble—Join us **TODAY at 3 PM** as Director Jeremy Wilson and the ensemble return for another afternoon of music making. A reception follows in Wilson Hall. Get your copy of our **WMA event calendar** in the Narthex!

THIS WEEK: Rehearsals for Fall – Carillon Handbell Choir (WED: 5:00 PM) and Chancel Choir (WED: 6:30 PM). Note our NEW time!! Feel free to join us!

October Basic Essentials Collection: This month, we're collecting diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6) and full-size personal hygiene products to help meet urgent needs at GraceWorks. Please place donations in the collection cart in the Narthex.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL): Due to Fall Break, there is no WNL on 10/14, but please join us on 10/21 when Ronnie Williams will speak on Racial Justice. Ronnie will share the powerful story behind his book, *Markham Street: The Haunting Truth Behind the Murder of My Brother*, Marvin Leonard Williams. Through personal memories and years of pursuing justice, Ronnie explores his brother Marvin's life, the tragedy of his death, and the lasting impact on their family and community. This moving story invites us to reflect on grief, resilience, racial justice, and the enduring power of truth. Ronnie Williams is a retired higher-education administrator, educator, author, and community leader. He retired from the University of Central Arkansas in 2021 after more than three decades of service. The university later renamed its student center the Ronnie Williams Student Center in his honor.

Downtown Presbyterian Fish and Loaves Meal Ministry: All ages are welcome to join us **Saturday, October 17** at 8:30 AM. Sign up online.

Fall Festival Saturday, October 24: FPC and the Hard Bargain Association are teaming up for a fun-filled Fall Festival. Bring the whole family and join us at 4:30 PM for Trunk or Treat, followed by a BBQ Dinner at 5:15 PM. We need lots of volunteers to decorate a trunk- so get creative, choose a fun theme, and help make this a memorable evening for the kids! Sign up online or on the Connection Card to decorate a trunk. Questions? Contact Verna Rydlund at vrydlund@gmail.com.

Visitation Ministry Orientation: Want to learn more about the Visitation Ministry? Join us after worship **Sunday, October 25**. Contact Karen Hanson for more info. klhhanson46@gmail.com.

Bone Therapy: Join us **Sunday, October 25**, as Bone Therapy, a Nashville-area trombone ensemble of 25+ musicians, joins us for worship. We're excited to welcome them and enjoy their music!

All Saints' Banner: FPC Franklin honors loved ones who have passed with an All-Saints' Banner displayed during worship on the first Sunday in November. To add a NEW name, please write it on the Connection Card along with their years of life or the year they passed. The deadline to submit names is **Sunday, October 25**. Names submitted will be included on the Banner displayed during worship on **November 1**.

Adults 55+: Join us **October 26** at 11 AM at Station Pizzeria for lunch.

Fall Potluck: Stay after worship for the Fall Potluck **Sunday, November 8**. Please bring a dish to share.

2027 Flower Dedications: You may donate them in memory, honor, or celebration. Sign-ups are now online and first come, first served by date, so sign up today!

Use the QR code to visit the Events 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 lifelong learning
- Creating and nurturing congregational relationships
- Transforming lives and connecting with others through service

Welcome! We warmly welcome everyone 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).

Send prayer requests, concerns, or celebrations to Anne Keener (akeener@fpcfranklin.org).

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Leanne Hoeffler
John Korab
Tammy Love
Starr Nolan
Phillip Otts

Class of 2027

Greg Bennorth
Dan Crunk
Sarah Fox
Martha Johnson
Jim Petersen

Class of 2028

Judi Arnold
Rick Blackburn
Rich Crim
Tony Inglis
Rachael Stanfill

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

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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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