



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025

*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

Let us enter the house of the Lord for a time of praise!

Let our prayers be lifted before the Lord of Hosts.

Our hearts' wishes are heard before the throne of God.

Then let our worship be full of joy and gladness for God's tender care.

Let us carry to every people and land the news of our Savior! Together, let us pray.

O God of truth and justice, in Christ you taught what it means to obey you, and we glorify your name. You are the immovable rock of salvation, the stone upon which we build our faith. When trials beset us, you offer us haven. Amid tribulation, you remain a bulwark of strength. We shall dwell all our days atop your holy mountain, and there provide glad praises for salvation you bring.

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

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out to you for mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded from it. Jesus, have mercy on us! Please help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always.

SILENT CONFESSION / CHORAL VERSE

"Bow down thine ear..."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe in 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

Sam Belcher

*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 VERSE

“Day by day...”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to receive your Word today. Lead us in wisdom and courage as we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19 (Pew Bible, p. 852)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Giving Thanks

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 772**

Live into Hope

TRURO

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

STORIES OF BELONGING

Stewardship

Ron & Joyce Crutcher

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

***DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***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 / Chancel Choir

Ryan Fox, Liturgist

Lynlee Nichols, Acolyte

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

PRAYER LIST

New:

Ann Brown
Ann Brown's daughter, Deb Brown
Ruthie Moulton's friend, Cindy Clark
Glenda Andrews husband, David Andrews
Rhonda Moyers' sister, Beverly Kirk
Gretchen and Brad Dorman's son, Walker Dorman

Deaths:

Mary Lou Wilson, September 25
Kathy Nappier's son, Andy Nappier, September 23

Members:

Ted Bechtel, Barbara Crunk, Vickie Ellis
Anne Osborne, Marissa Walters, Tom Wilson

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

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 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 26**. Names submitted will be included on the Banner displayed during worship on **November 2**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Festival- This Saturday, October 18! We will start at 4:30 PM with Trunk or Treat, BBQ Dinner at 5:00 PM, and Lilo and Stitch movie at 6:00 PM by the pavilion. Bring blanket and chairs for the movie! We need **many volunteers for this fun event**. See the SignUpGenius link on the Events page of our website to learn about all the volunteer spots and sign up today to help with setup, clean up, food, bounce house, and to decorate a trunk! Contact Verna Rydlund (vrydlund@gmail.com) with questions.

Hard Bargain will also be hosting a Blood Assurance Blood Drive during the Fall Festival. Available spots 4-8 PM. To donate scan the QR Code or go to

www.bloodassurance.org/hardbargain.



Worship-Music & ARTS Event---Next Sunday, October 19 (3:00 PM): Join us as the *Vanderbilt Trombone Ensemble*, directed by Jeremy Wilson, combines forces with *Bone Therapy*, directed by Joseph Awad, a local community trombone ensemble. The afternoon of brass music will feature works by Nelhybel, Brahms, Straus, Saint-Saens, and others. A reception will follow 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 today. This week Phil Otts will share on Putin's Russia and the war on Ukraine.

Adults 55+: Join us for lunch at 11 AM **This Tuesday, October 14** at Carrabba's in Cool Springs, No need to sign up. Just show up!

Inquirer Gathering: Are you a guest interested in learning more about FPC? Join us next **Sunday, October 19** in the Parlor at 9:00 AM.

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a table at Hard Bargain Association's "Roaring Twentieth" Celebration Dinner on **Friday, October 25**. If you'd like to attend, contact Verna Rydlund (vrydlund@gmail.com).

FISH Events: PDA Clean-up Bucket assembly **November 1** at 9 AM in Wilson Hall and UKIRK Dinner **November 6** at St. Augustine's Chapel on Vanderbilt's Campus. We will help prepare, serve and share dinner and worship.

Ministries in Action Fair: **November 2** in Wilson Hall during Common Grounds, 9:45–10:15 AM. Committees will be available with information and opportunities to help you get involved so mark your calendars!

Boy Scouts All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast & Silent Auction: **Saturday, November 8**, join us from 7-10:30 AM at FPC to support Troop 135. Adults and kids (ages 5 and up): \$13 donation and kids 4 and under are free.

FPC NaCoMe Women's Retreat: Join us **November 14–16** for a weekend of community, prayer, and reflection, led by Spiritual Director Shannon Horn Truss. Explore God's generosity and love through scripture, poetry, and art. Choose the full weekend (\$200) or partial attendance (\$50–\$100). A \$25 deposit is due by **Oct. 28 to register**. Email Katie England (england.katie@gmail.com) for details.

This is Our Time to Act: The 2026 "Entrusted to Act" stewardship campaign is underway! As you think about how you will participate, we ask you to prayerfully discern how God is calling you to respond with your time, talent, and financial resources. Answer the following question on the action card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate: *How will I act with confidence to further God's kingdom through the life of FPC in 2026?* Please return your pledge card or pledge online by **Nov 2**. To date, 18 pledges have been received totaling \$111,240.

Use the QR code to visit the Upcoming 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 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 4 years old through kindergarten in Room 101 following the Time with the Young Church, and those attending will be returned to the sanctuary before the end of the service. For accommodations and more information, please get in touch with the Director of Youth Ministries, Sam Belcher (sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org).

Prayer requests to convey concerns or celebrations may be shared with Anne Keener (akeener@fpcfranklin.org).

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Jason Coleman
Marti Downey
Christine Grisham
Jim Mahurin
Verna Rydlund

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

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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