



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 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

Come, let us celebrate God's wonderful blessings and love!

For we have smiles, songs, children, and loved ones.

We worship in freedom, and we hear God's word without interference.

And we may send the Gospel of Christ around the world today.

But let us always remember our God, who has blessed us so richly.

O God, the ways you have blessed us seem to number greater than the stars. You have touched every facet of our lives and made us whole. We give you our loving thanks, Lord.

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

*HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Presbyterian Outlook, written by Matthew Rich)

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

SILENT CONFESSION / CHORAL VERSE

"Search me, O God..."

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 581**

G

LORIA PATRI

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.*

We want to continue to offer Children's Worship for our families with Young Children, but we need your help!

If you're willing to volunteer and lead one or two Sundays this semester for this 20-minute lesson time,

contact sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ava and Eleanor Koeppen, daughters of Lauren and John Koeppen

Presenting Elder: Sam Webb

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in this ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

CHORAL VERSE

"Lord, in Thy word we search for thee..."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Pew Bible, p. 942)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stewardship's Toughest Question

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

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

Emily Korab

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 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*BENEDICTION

*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 and Organist / Chancel Choir

Bill Carver, Liturgist

Sadie Lahey, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Opal Plumley's 96th Birthday by Mike and Jane Plumley.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Ann Brown

Paula Starace's mom, Verna Clark

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:

Jayme Burns October 20, 2016

Nick Fender October 22, 2010

Tom Walker October 22, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship-Music & ARTS Event---TODAY, 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. This week, Elizabeth Carter from The Outreach Center will share on Global Missions.

Adults 55+: Come for a Lunch and Learn in the Barr Conference Room on **November 5** at 11 AM, where Francie Logan from Always Best Care Senior Services will share on "Hearing vs. Understanding in Seniors with Hearing Loss." A soup and salad lunch is provided. Sign up online. Also, join us for lunch at 11 AM on **November 17** at The Chop House; no need to sign up. Just show up!

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a table at Hard Bargain Association's "Roaring Twentieth" Celebration Dinner on **Friday, October 24**. If you'd like to attend, contact Verna Rydlund (vrydlund@gmail.com).

FISH: PDA Emergency Clean-up Bucket assembly Saturday, **November 1**, at 9 AM in Wilson Hall.

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!

FISH+ UKIRK: Join us Thursday, **November 6**, at 6:30 PM at St. Augustine's Chapel (Vanderbilt campus) for an evening of fellowship, service, and worship with Belmont and Vanderbilt students. We'll prepare, serve, and share dinner together before a time of worship. All are welcome! Please sign up online.

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): a \$13 donation, with kids four and under admitted 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 whole 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 consider how you will participate, we invite 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 make your pledge online by November 2. To date, 41 pledges have been received, totaling \$370,780.

All Saints Banner: Honor loved ones who have passed by adding their names to our All Saints Banner. Write the name and year of life or passing on the Connection Card by **Sunday, October 26**. The banner will be displayed during worship on **November 2**.

Veterans & Fall Potluck: Share the name of a veteran on the Connection Card for our Veterans Day insert. Join us Sunday, **November 9**, after Worship for the Fall Potluck as we honor our veterans. Bring your favorite dish to share!

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. 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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Thank you for your generosity!

