FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 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**. P*

lease silence cell phones.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

BELL PEAL / POURING OF THE WATER Carillon Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Bone Therapy Trombone Ensemble

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come as people who do not always know what lies ahead.
Show us your ways, O Lord, that we may know you.
We come resisting the temptation to shape God according to our fears and desires.
Reform us by your Word and teach us to trust you.
When the way is uncertain, familiar places become empty, and we cannot see what comes next,
Remind us that your presence has not left us.
For the Lord has promised, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
Go with us, Lord, and make us your people.
At the center and at the edges, in the familiar and in the wilderness,
God is with us.
Then let us worship the God who goes before us, walks beside us, and remains with us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

***HYMN 275** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, when the way ahead is uncertain, we confess that we would rather have answers than trust in your steadfast love. We grow impatient in our waiting. We take the good things you give us, our memories, our traditions, our plans, even our love for the church, and shape them into what makes us feel safe.

Forgive us when we ask you to bless the future we chose instead of praying, "Show us your ways." Forgive us when we become so concerned about what is missing, that we fail to notice who is already here.

Reform us, O God, according to your Word, and teach us to trust you in the waiting, to look for you beyond the places we expect to find you, and to notice the people you have placed beside us. For you have promised, "My presence will go with you."

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE *"...and lead me in the way everlasting"*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE Carillon Handbell Choir

***SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

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

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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.

A MUSICAL MEDITATION Tom Wilhoite, piper

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-8; 19-20 and 33:7-17 (pg.69)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *God Be With Ye* Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 409** *God is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Inspired by the Scots Confession and Exodus 33)*

We believe in God, who calls a people into covenant, who remains faithful when we are faithless, and whose presence goes before us. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only head of the Church, who gathers us by grace, welcomes us to his table, and calls us to love one another. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who continues to reform the Church according to the Word of God, opening our eyes to those we have overlooked and giving us courage to follow where God leads. We believe the Church belongs to Jesus Christ, not to any pastor, leader, or generation. We trust that the God who has been faithful in the past will be faithful in the future. And so, with the people of God in every time and place, we pray: Lord, show us your ways, reform us by your Word, and go with us wherever you lead.

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* Greg Bennorth

Look for an email after worship with more amazing stories about how God's Love is on the Move at FPC Franklin.

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

"God is our refuge and strength…though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear!"

***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 826** *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** The Bone Therapy Trombone Ensemble

***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
The Carillon and Chancel Choirs – Tom Wilhoite, Piper
The Bone Therapy Trombone Ensemble, Charles Jenkins, Director
Susan Burns, Liturgist
Miles Wetzel, Acolyte

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Opal Plumley's 97th birthday by Mike and Jane Plumley.

PRAYER LIST

Deaths:
Myers Parsons' mother, Ann Nora Parsons, October 18

Members:
Ann Brown
Barbara Crunk
Marilyn Doering
Joe Duarte
Eugenie Ermis
Carolyn Hayes
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

Military:
Melinda Henderson
Taylor Reynolds
Thomas Reynolds
Cathie Oldham Davidson's grandson, Kyle Davidson
Cathie Davidson's grandson, Tyler Davidson
Marilyn Miller's grandson, Will Herbert
Opal Plumley's grandson, Douglas Plumley
Sally Wanzer's grandson-in-law, Mclane Smith

In Memory:

Hope Bickham	October 26, 2002
Andy Staufenbiel	October 26, 2004
Pat Orr	October 26, 2014
Sara Secor	October 27, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship – Music *&* *Arts* Events: Today, we welcome Bone Therapy, who joins us for worship. This area trombone ensemble boasts over twenty musicians and is directed by Charles Jenkins. **Sunday, November 1: John Johns guitar recital**, 3:00 PM. A reception follows in Wilson Hall.

God's Love on the Move: The 2027 stewardship campaign is underway! Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share your time, talents, and financial gifts. Please return your pledge card or pledge online by **November 15**. To date, 32 pledges have been received totaling $295,830.

Visitation Ministry Orientation: Want to learn more about the Visitation Ministry? Join us **TODAY** after worship in the Parlor. Contact Karen Hanson for more info. *klhanson46@gmail.com.*

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. Please join us this Wednesday as the Hard Bargain Association shares how it is preserving one of Franklin's historic African American neighborhoods while building a stronger future for its residents.

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 **TODAY**. 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.

Honoring Veterans: Share a veteran's name on the Connection Card for our Veterans Day insert. **The deadline is November 1.** If you have previously submitted a name, no need to submit again. This list continues from year to year.

Election Welcome Tent: Who wants to help us welcome the community to FPC Franklin on Election Day, **Nov. 3**? We will have the FPC tent in the courtyard with snacks and water welcoming people and thanking them for voting. Sign up online.

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee Meeting is at FPC Franklin- November 7: We need many members to help with registration, food, and hospitality. Sign up online to help make our guests feel at home.

Fall Potluck: Stay after worship for the Fall Potluck on **Sunday, November 8,** in honor of our Veterans. Please bring a dish to share.

UKIRK: Join us for a FPC tradition on **Thursday, November 12**, at 6:30 PM at St. Augustine's Chapel on Vanderbilt's campus. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as we help prepare and serve a meal for Vanderbilt and Belmont students. Questions? Contact Cathy McCall at *cathymccall@icloud.com.* Sign up online.

Exploration Sunday School: Join us Sundays at 9AM in Room 209 or on Zoom as we begin a new book, *Wholehearted Faith,* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. Through personal stories and thoughtful reflections, this collection explores faith, doubt, God's grace and love, and what it means to belong. Whether you are a seeker, a dreamer, or someone who has wrestled with faith or been hurt by the Church, this book invites honest questions and a deeper understanding of what it means to live a wholehearted life of faith.

October Basic Essentials Collection: This month, we are 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.

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	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Leanne Hoeffler	Greg Bennorth	Judi Arnold
John Korab	Dan Crunk	Rick Blackburn
Tammy Love	Sarah Fox	Rich Crim
Starr Nolan	Martha Johnson	Tony Inglis
Phillip Otts	Jim Petersen	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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