



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

REFORMATION SUNDAY
FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE CONFESSIONS
OCTOBER 26, 2025

Welcome to worship. 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

Tom Wilhoite

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord at all times.

God's praise shall continuously be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord.

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the name of the Lord with me,

Let us exalt God's name together.

God's mercy and grace are real! Let our hearts lift praise to God.

Together let us pray:

Mighty God, who inspired leaders to reform your church, be present with us as we celebrate the Reformation. Guide us in appreciating the work of all who by the power of the Holy Spirit lived faithful lives, and who delivered to us the life-changing faith they so firmly believed. Infuse us with the same Holy Spirit, that we may go forth bearing witness to your Son Jesus, bring the hope of new life to this world you so love.

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

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
(This hymn text attributed to John Calvin.)

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfish acts inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION / CHORAL VERSE

“Search me, O God, and know my heart...”

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

GLORIA 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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Anne Keener

Children of all ages are invited to come forward.

We invite children to remain in the Sanctuary for this week’s service.

Children’s Worship will resume next week.

CHORAL VERSE – *“Lord in Thy word we search for Thee..”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 954)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FESTIVAL OF BANNERS SERVICE

Anne Keener



THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

Rich Crim

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

THE CONFESSION OF 1967

Susan Burns

HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow
(VERSES One, Four, Five, and Six)

ROEDER

THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

Lucas Rydlund

HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord
(The Refrain will only be sung following VERSE Three.)

SCHUTTE

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Jason Coleman

***HYMN 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(VERSES One and Four)

EIN' FESTE BURG

THE APOSTLES' CREED

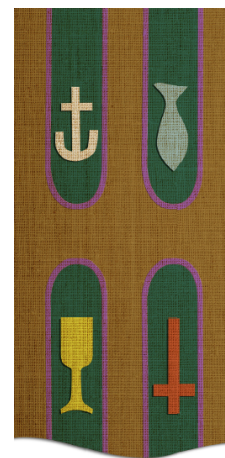
Francelia Downey

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***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.



CONCLUSION OF FESTIVAL OF BANNER SERVICE

Eddie Bellis

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

The Fox Family

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

"A mighty fortress is our God..."

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 363**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL'S 148th

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Tom Wilhoite

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist / Chancel Choir

Tom Wilhoite, Bagpipes

Francelia Downey, Liturgist

Nora Downey, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Charles R. Acklin by Jean Acklin.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Ann Brown

Paula Starace's mother, Verna Clark

Cathie Davidson's family member, Vickie White

Ann Brown's daughter, Deb Brown

Ruthie Moulton's friend, Cindy Clark

Members:

Ted Bechtel

Barbara Crunk

Vickie Ellis

Anne Osborne

Marissa Walters

Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Hope Bickham October 26, 2002

Andy Staufienbiel October 26, 2004

Pat Orr October 26, 2014

Sara Secor October 27, 2016

Bob Sillaman November 1, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you Signed up for a Listening Session? We want to hear more directly from you through Listening Sessions which will be held during the month of November as part of the next phase of our Transition work. The sessions will allow us to explore some areas from the survey more deeply and ensure we have a complete understanding of your perspectives to guide us as we plan for our future. Please sign up for the session that works best for you using this QR code. If you have any questions, please contact Rich Crim (rich.crim@gmail.com), co-chair of the Transition Team.



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 is the Transition Team Presentation of the Mission Study & Vision.

Adults 55+: Come for a Lunch and Learn in the Barr Conference Room **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" Soup and salad lunch provided. Sign up online. Also, join us for lunch at 11 AM **November 17** at The Chop House, no need to sign up. Just show up!

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 Tuesday, **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): \$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. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share your time, talents, and financial gifts. Please return your pledge card or pledge online by **Nov 2**. To date, 54 pledges have been received totaling \$477,840.

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 **TODAY**. Names submitted will be included on the Banner 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, 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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Thank you for your generosity!

