



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 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

John Johns, guitar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

All who thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

All who are lost will find safety here.

All who are lonely will find a friend here.

All who are broken will find healing here.

For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you graciously call us to come to you, but we turn away. We ignore you and the many signs that you send. We dismiss your prophets and close our ears to your Word. Greedily, we seek out that which will feed us today while we ignore that which will nourish us for eternity. Hear our confessions, we pray. Forgive us and help us receive the true bread of heaven.

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.

*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

Sherard Edington

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

Exodus 16:2-15 (pg. 55)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Is It?

Sherard Edington

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 520

Taste and See

TASTE AND SEE

(We will sing the Refrain a total of four times.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

“...and by Thy feast to us the token, that by Thy grace our souls are fed.”

***DOXOLOGY 606**

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues the prayer... who forever sings your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader continues the prayer... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader continues the prayer... now and forever. Amen.

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All bread is gluten-free. The wine is non-alcoholic grape juice.

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN 503**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sherard Edington, Transitional Executive Presbyter
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir and John Johns, Guitarist
Khris Downey, Liturgist
Lynlee Nichols, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of our son, Jason Beggs, by Doris and Ron Tapscott.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Eugenie Ermis
Jane and Art Herron's friends, Renee and Amenia
Cathie Davidson's grandson, Kyle Davidson
Cathie Davidson's extended family member, Joe Marchegiani
Cathie Davidson's friends, Brenda Rauls and Nancy Miller
Cathie Davidson's friends Don & Beverly McLain
Eugenie Ermis' family, Bonham family
Missy Kitchings friends, the Bittner family
Jeff Siptak's mother, Joyce Borowiak

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

In Memory:

Jackye Reams	October 4, 2023
Mary Ruth Minor	October 7, 2006
Wes Miller	October 7, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Rev. Sherard Edington: He is a native of Mobile, Alabama, where he attended Springhill Presbyterian Church with his family. A graduate of Rhodes College and Yale Divinity School, he was ordained in 1991 and has served three congregations in Middle Tennessee: First Presbyterian in Columbia, Old Hickory Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian in Lebanon. In 2025, he was called to serve as the Transitional Executive Presbyter for Middle Tennessee. Sherard and his wife, Courtney, live in Old Hickory. They have one daughter who lives in Washington, D.C.

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): 6 PM- Dinner; 6:45-7:30 PM- Adult, Youth, and Children programs. Meal signup deadline is each Sunday, and you may sign up on the website or the Connection Card. This week, Paula Daigle of AgeWell Middle Tennessee discusses scam prevention for older adults. Learn about common scams, warning signs of financial exploitation, and practical steps older adults, caregivers, and families can take to protect their money and identity.

Emergency Medical Session: Two opportunities to learn what to do before EMS arrives in situations involving basic CPR, Choking, and Stop the Bleed. Facilitated by Kaitlyn Bennorth and Larry & Blair Reynolds in Barr Conference Room after worship **TODAY and November 22**. Each session covers the same 3 topics. Stay for all or part of sessions.

Adults 55+ Happy Hour: Saturday, October 10 come enjoy a fun evening at the home of Roger & Diane Fender, 412 Blake Baskin Court, Franklin. Appetizers and drinks will be served, and this is a great opportunity for those who are still working to join us for a Saturday evening get-together. RSVP so we know how many to expect. Then join us **October 26** at 11 AM at Station Pizzeria for lunch.

Honoring Pastor Eddie and Laura: Join us in Wilson Hall after worship on **Sunday, October 11**, 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 **NEXT Sunday afternoon, OCT 11 (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!!

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 vrydlund@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**.

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 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 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).

Prayer requests to share concerns or celebrations may be sent 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

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).

Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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