



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION / WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5, 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 / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

Awake, the harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn!

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

Great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. Together, let us pray.

Creator God, true worship is not confined within the walls of a sanctuary; nor is it limited to specific times and seasons. Jesus speaks of worshipping you in spirit and truth. We bear witness to the indwelling Spirit in all that we say and do. May your truth guide us, sustain us, and correct us through acts of forbearance and love. May all that is done praise your name forever and ever!

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

*HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor. Let us join together in the responsive prayer of confession printed in our bulletins.

God, we have so much baggage. We say things we don't mean. We turn neighbors into enemies.

Forgive us, Lord.

We hold on to the pain as if it were valuable. Ultimately, it can only harm us. It will weigh us down. Drag us under.

Forgive us, Lord.

You have forgiven us, God. For all the thoughts we don't say out loud. For all those things we hope no one knows.

Forgive us, Lord.

You ask us to forgive the ones who hurt us. As completely and easily as you forgive us. Without expecting anything in return.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us forgive them. Help us to forgive ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord.

Let's join together in a time of silent, personal confession.

SILENT CONFESSION/CHORAL SENTENCE

Chancel Choir

"Bow down Thine ear, O Lord..."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe in the Good News.

In the name of 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

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.

CHORAL SENTENCE

Chancel Choir

"...to see Thee more clearly..."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42 (Pew Bible, page 864)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jiggle the Wire

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 460**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

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.

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 Almighty.

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

NICAEA

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 OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

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

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

Chancel Choir

POST COMMUNION VERSE 498

BEACH SPRING

**By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share.
Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and
care.**

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

*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

Sue Mahurin, Liturgist; Charlie Jennings, Acolyte

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

PRAYER LIST

New:

Glenda Andrews husband, David Andrews

Beth Rose's son, Zachary Rose

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:

Mary Ruth Minor October 7, 2006

Wes Miller October 7, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is Our Time to Act: The "Entrusted to Act" stewardship campaign begins **today**! All that we have is a gift from God, and, as stated in Luke 12: 48 – “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required”. 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**.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) -NO WNL this week due to fall break.

Fall Festival- Saturday, October 18, in partnership with Hard Bargain Association!

4:30 PM with Trunk or Treat

5:00 PM BBQ dinner

6:00 PM movie by the pavilion. Bring a 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 opportunities and sign up today to help with setup, clean-up, food, the bounce house, and decorating a trunk! Contact Verna Rydlund at vrydlund@gmail.com with any questions.



Hard Bargain will also be hosting a Blood Drive in collaboration with Blood Assurance during the Fall Festival. Spots are available from 4 PM to 8 PM. To donate, scan the QR Code or go to www.bloodassurance.org/hardbargain.

Worship-Music & ARTS Event---Sunday, Oct. 19 (3:00 PM): Join us for our first event for fall 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.

Adults 55+: Join us for lunch at 11 AM on **Tuesday, October 14, at Carrabba's in Cool Springs** and on **Monday, November 17**, at the Franklin Chop House—no need to sign up. Just show up!

FPC NaCoMe Women's Retreat: Join us **November 14–16** for a weekend of community, prayer, and reflection at NaCoMe. Spiritual Director Shannon Horn Truss will guide us through prayer times focusing on God’s generosity and love through scripture, poetry, and art. Options include the whole weekend (\$200) or partial attendance (\$50–\$100). A \$25 deposit is **due by October 28** to secure your spot. Sign-up and payment links are available on the registration page of the FPC website. **Questions?** Contact Katie England (england.katie@gmail.com), Namaste Anderson (nammer2649@gmail.com), or Diane Fender (diane.fender@gmail.com).

Music in Worship: Mid-week Rehearsals: Join us *Wednesdays* for *Carillon Handbells* (5:00 PM) and *Chancel Choir* (6:45 PM).



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 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 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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