FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 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

MUSICAL TEACHING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O magnify the LORD with me. Let us exalt God's name together.
I will bless the LORD at all times.
God's praise shall continually be in what I say.
When I boast, it will be about God's mercy to me.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
O taste and see that the LORD is good.
In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God with all that we are.

***HYMN 326** *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, in Jesus Christ we see your grace at work in the world. His yoke is easy, and his burden is light. But we make them hard and heavy, because his call is so different from the ways of the world. His trust in you fills him with such freedom to love and to serve all people without fear. We are afraid of what will happen to us if we live his way of love and the cross.

Forgive us, gracious God, and give us humble hearts, more ready to serve than to be served. Pour out your Spirit deep into our hearts, that we may join all your saints at this table, ever more willing to walk the pathway of Jesus, with open hands and renewed minds, for his sake and the hope of the world.

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** LOBE DEN HERREN

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

***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 Anne Keener

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 RESPONSE *"…follow thee more clearly day by day."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 785)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Robert Montgomery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

(The congregation will remain seated.)

(VERSE One—Solo; Two—Choir; and Three—All)

***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.

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

"You give me all I wanted, this food can death destroy, the cup of endless joy"

***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 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE
(VERSES One, Two, Four, Five, and Six)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON** Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Robert Montgomery, Bridge Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel Choir
Bill Carver, Liturgist
Molly Reynolds, Acolyte

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of and thanksgiving for our 63rd anniversary by Tom and Judith Wilson.

PRAYER LIST

New:
Janet Frame
Charley Winger
Martha Johnson's brother-in-law, Tom Anderson
Leah Stein's friends, Butch Owens, Tina Goode, and Anita Pringle
Lucy and Hunter Battle's friends, Rick and Elizabeth Carter

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

Members:
Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Marilyn Doering, Joe Duarte, Eugenie Ermin, Carolyn Hayes, Kim Lewis, Lillard Family, Erik Lund, Anne Osborne

In Memory:

Bob Sillaman	November 1, 2012
Inge Smith	November 5, 2022
Gloria Kemp	November 6, 2012
Don Fields	November 7, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship – Music *&* *Arts* Events: Today, 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, 49 pledges have been received totaling $434,470.

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 Tricia Cherry presents The 4:04 Foundation and shares resources for children and adolescents who are grieving.

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 5:45 PM at St. Augustine's Chapel on Vanderbilt's campus. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as we serve a meal for Vanderbilt and Belmont students. Questions? Contact Cathy McCall at *cathymccall@icloud.com.* Sign up online.

Boy Scouts All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast & Silent Auction on Saturday, **November 14** in Wilson Hall. Join us from 7-10:30 AM to support Troop 135. Adults and kids (ages 5 and up): $15 donation and kids 4 & under free.

Exploration Sunday School: Join us in Room 209 or on Zoom as we begin a new book, *Wholehearted Faith*, by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu which explores faith, doubt, God's grace and love, and what it means to belong. It invites honest questions and a deeper understanding of what it means to live a wholehearted life of faith.

November Basic Essentials Collection: This month, we're collecting postage stamps, full-size shampoo, and conditioner for Bridges Domestic Violence Center, which helps Williamson County individuals and families find safety and independence. Please drop off donations in the cart in the Narthex.

The Manger Tree: an FPC's Christmas tradition. Each year our church collects gifts for GraceWorks' Manger. A Christmas tree is in Wilson Hall covered with Manger gift tags. Each Manger tag includes a child's age group on the front with directions and a list of gift ideas on the back. The suggested gift price is $40 -$60 as this will be their main Christmas gift. You are invited to take as many tags as you want. This year you have a couple of ways to share a gift. You may use the QR code on the tag to choose a gift from the Amazon Wish List set up by GraceWorks for each age group by **December 1st**, which will be delivered directly to GraceWorks for them to place in their Manger store. Your other option is to make your own selection using the ideas on the tags and return your unwrapped gifts to the Manger Tree in Wilson Hall by **December 6th**, and FPC will deliver all collected gifts to GraceWorks.

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	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

Robert Montgomery, Bridge 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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