



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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

Carillon Handbell Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Show us Your mercy, O Lord. Send us a sign of Your presence and love.

Grant us Your salvation, Lord, for we are weary and worn.

The Lord's Truth shall indeed be among us.

God's Righteousness shall come from heaven to be in our midst.

And there shall be peace to all who turn to God in their hearts. Let us pray.

God of righteousness, truth, and justice, who did judge Your people according to the statutes delivered to Moses, we praise You for the mercy of Christ's intercession. In Christ's name we gather and are assured of Your presence; we bow in adoration; we sing of Your glory; Your word is proclaimed for our guidance and nurture. Look now with favor on our worship, as in Christ we seek to be faithful.

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

***HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds. We are misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness; we look with disdain on those less fortunate and ignore the poverty of our own goals. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test Your patience. Yet, in Christ You love us still. Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve You.

SILENT CONFESSION / CHORAL VERSE

“Search me, O God...”

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.

***THE READING OF THE LAW**

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

“God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s home; you shall not covet your neighbor’s spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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.*

*We want to continue to offer Children's Worship for our families with Young Children, but we need your help!
If you're willing to volunteer and lead one or two Sundays this semester for this 20-minute lesson time,
contact sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Knox Williams Stubner and Marley Marie-Phillips Stubner,
son and daughter of Morgan and Jackson Stubner
Presenting Elder: Ken Zander

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in this ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible, p. 856)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Give Me the Bad News

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 43

Eagle's Wings

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

(We will sing only the REFRAIN, repeating it THREE whole times.)

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.

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

John Johns, guitar

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION

*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 and Carillon Handbell Choir
John Johns, Guitar
Francelia Downey, Liturgist
Elise Lasseter, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of John Heerman by Barbara Heerman.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Jeff Doering
Ruthie Moulton
Vanderbilt LifeFlight
Mike Anderson's friend, Bruce Force
Namaste Anderson's friend, Stacy McAloon
Tim Stein's father, Bob Stein
Leah Stein's uncle, Tom Rosswog

Members:

Ted Bechtel
Ann Brown
Barbara Crunk
Vickie Ellis
Anne Osborne
Marissa Walters
Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Dot Woodard November 16, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you Signed up for a Listening Session? We invite you to join a November Listening Session to share your thoughts and help guide our next phase of Transition work. These sessions will dive deeper into survey themes and ensure we understand your perspectives as we plan for the future. Scan QR code to sign up. Questions? Contact Rich Crim (rich.crim@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. This week join us for a worship service focused on Thanksgiving.

Entrusted to Act: The 2026 Entrusted to Act Stewardship Campaign ended Sunday, Nov. 2, but if you have not yet pledged, it is not too late. Pledge cards will be in the pew racks for the next few weeks, or you can pledge online through the FPC website. As of today, we have received 111 pledges totaling \$1,024,000.

Advent Poinsettias: Help beautify the sanctuary this Advent season by dedicating a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Please note your dedication on the connection card. The cost is \$20. Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church (Flower Fund) or you may give online.

Adults 55+: Join us for lunch at 11:00 AM on **November 17** at The Chop House; no sign-up required. Just show up! On **Thursday, December 4** at 11 AM in Barr Conference Room join us for Diane and Roger Fender who will speak on their quest to visit all US National Parks. Box lunch for \$10. Then join us for the annual Christmas Lunch **Saturday, December 13**, at 11:00 AM in Wilson Hall.

Downtown Presbyterian Fish and Loaves Meal Ministry: Join us **Saturday, November 29**, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, as we serve breakfast helping neighbors who may not have shared the holiday with family. Free parking provided or carpool from FPC. Sign up online.

Advent Workshop & United4Hope Join us **Sunday, November 30** at 9 AM in Wilson Hall as all ages gather, create and learn to celebrate the start of Advent! The Mission Committee will also host a United4Hope station to assemble 180 Christmas Appreciation Bags for Poplar Grove teachers and staff.

The Manger Tree: The Manger Tree in Wilson Hall still has many gift tags available. Please consider taking a tag and providing a gift to those in need. Please choose a gift from the Amazon Wish List for automatic shipping to GraceWorks or return your unwrapped gifts by **Sunday Dec. 7th**.

Gifts for Poplar Grove Families: Partner with the Mission Committee and Poplar Grove School to bless 15 children (5 families) this Christmas! Adopt a child and provide gifts, clothing, and shoes (about \$100 per child). Wish lists will be emailed by Nov. 23. Each family will also receive a \$50 grocery gift card. Sign up on the FPC events page or contact Christine Grisham (cmgrisham@comcast.net). Return unwrapped gifts to FPC by **Sunday, December 7** under the mission bulletin board.

Chili Cook-Off and Live Nativity, **Sunday, December 7**, from 5-7 PM in Wilson Hall. Sign up online to enter your chili in the competition, and remember, your donation is your vote! The evening will also feature a special presentation of the Live Nativity Story by our youth.

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. 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

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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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