



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY / HOLY COMMUNION
NOVEMBER 2, 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

HYMN INTONATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** ("Presbyterian Outlook" written by Rose Schrott Taylor)

The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:

Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.

The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

Lord, your creation boasts of your love.

Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

***HYMN 326**

For All the Saints
(VERSES One, Three, and Five)

SINE NOMINE

NECROLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Ring a handbell three times, slowly. Then, after a brief silence, read:)

Eternal God, you are the Alpha and Omega, and no person is an island, entire of itself. Each is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. With thanksgiving, we remember ...

Gary Brown	February 9, 2025
Priscilla Duarte	July 23, 2025
Hugh DuPree	August 17, 2025
Bob Kopjoe	August 12, 2025
Andy Nappier	September 23, 2025
Anne Rutherford	January 26, 2025
Mary Lou Wilson	September 25, 2025

We thank you for every good and precious gift, especially the gift of the lives who passed through this valley and now are with you, enjoying the eternal feast that you prepared. We give thanks for their lives and look forward to seeing them and you in heaven. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (“Presbyterian Outlook” written by Rose Schrott Taylor)

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

SILENT CONFESSION/CHORAL SENTENCE

Chancel Choir

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

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 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.

*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.

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

CHORAL SENTENCE

Chancel Choir

“Lord, in Thy word we search for Thee...”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

(Pew Bible, page 854)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Small Man, Big Heart

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)**

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

(I've got peace like a river...)

***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 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 OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

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

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
(VERSES One and Three)

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist / Chancel Choir

Sue Mahurin, Liturgist

Caroline Freiburg, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of Adoption Month by Randy and Katie Gottlieb.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Ruthie Moulton

Ann Brown

Tim Stein's father, Bob Stein

Leah Stein's uncle, Tom Rosswog

Dave Roberts, friend of staff

Paula Starace's mother, Verna Clark

Cathie Davidson's family member, Vickie White

Members:

Ted Bechtel

Barbara Crunk

Vickie Ellis

Anne Osborne

Marissa Walters

Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Inge Smith November 5, 2022

Gloria Kemp November 6, 2012

Don Fields November 7, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you Signed up for a Listening Session? We want to hear more directly from you through Listening Sessions, which will be held in 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.



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 **TODAY**. To date, 71 pledges have been received, totaling \$632,780.

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 Francelia Downey will share on Life and Faith of a Teenager in a Social Media World.

Adults 55+: Come for a Lunch and Learn in the Barr Conference Room on **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 **on November 17 at The Chop House**—no need to sign up. Just show up!

FISH + UKIRK: Join us Thursday, **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.

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!

The Manger Tree: The Manger Tree is part of 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. 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, which will be delivered directly to GraceWorks for them to place in their Manger store. Or, you can make your own selection using the ideas on the tags and return your unwrapped gifts to the Manger Tree in Wilson Hall by **December 7**, and FPC will deliver all collected gifts to GraceWorks.

Join the Exploration Sunday School Class as we begin a new study, Being Reformed – The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving by Eva Simpson, meeting in Room 209 and on Zoom. For more information, contact Doug Halleen (doug.halleen@mentorakid.org)

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

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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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