FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 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 / HYMN INTONATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
God has made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS
(VERSES One, Two, Three, and Six)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your mercy, O Lord, hear our prayer. We confess that we so often walk by sight and not by faith. We look at others and compare ourselves to them, often feeling superior and dangerously self-righteous. We look at our possessions and think of them as ours, signs of our achievements. We look at you and dare to imagine that your thoughts are the same as ours, as if our minds are the center of the universe. O Jesus Christ, deepen the work of the Holy Spirit within us that we may lift the eyes of our hearts toward you as the only Lord of our lives. Help us to rise up, hear your call anew and follow you more faithfully now and in every day to come.

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.

***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 Sam Belcher

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 25:31-46 (pg.807)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *It's Not a Surprise Quiz* Robert Montgomery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

***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.

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 A Hymn Medley Chancel Choir

In recognition of the new Sanctuary banners for Ordinary Time:
The Latin Cross, Three Interlacing Circles, The Chalice and Host,
and The Alpha and Omega

***DOXOLOGY** 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Robert Montgomery, Bridge Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist
The Chancel Choir and Adam Troxler, Instrumentalist
Sue Mahurin, Liturgist/Nora Downey, Acolyte

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the gifts that made the sanctuary pipe organ possible and for its builder, Casavant Freres Limitee, Quebec, Canada.

PRAYER LIST

New:
Betty Barcheski
Dee Plunkett
Suzette Rutherford
Gary Cole
Mike Henry
Dale & Barb's son's family, Andrew, Rebecca, Sidney, and Killian Roos
Roos family friend, Jonathan Krohn
Adam Starace's friend, Chad

Deaths:
Jennie Stevens' mother, Judy Bowers, November 12
Mickey Wilhoite's mother, Beulah Chunn, October 28
Downey family's nephew and cousin, Sam Wilson, November 7
Pati DeMotte's mother, Paula Lopez de Sarat, November 1

Members:
Barbara Crunk, Marilyn Doering, Eugenie Ermis, Janet Frame, Carolyn Hayes, Kim Lewis, Lillard Family, Erik Lund, Anne Osborne, Charley Winger

In Memory:
Dorothy Risen November 29, 2020

Advent at FPC

Advent Poinsettias: Help beautify the sanctuary this Advent season by dedicating a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be included in the bulletin each Sunday during Advent. Please note your dedication on the connection card or email it to Catherine at *colson@fpcfranklin.org.* The last day to submit dedications is **Sunday, December 13.** The cost is $20. Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church (Flower Fund) or you may give online.

Advent Workshop & United4Hope: Join us next **Sunday, November 29** at 9 AM in Wilson Hall as all ages gather to create and learn in celebration of Advent! The Mission Committee will also host a United4Hope station to assemble 180 Christmas Appreciation Bags for Poplar Grove School teachers and staff.

Live Nativity and Chili Cook-Off, **Sunday, December 6,** 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 include a Live Nativity presented by our youth.

Lessons and Carols - December 13, 10:15 AM
Service of Light – December 20, 5:30 PM
Christmas Eve Services- December 24, 4 & 6 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, **November 29**, immediately following worship, to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect our next installed pastor.

God's Love on the Move: The 2027 Stewardship Campaign is officially over, 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 106 pledges totaling $951,802. Thank you for your generosity!

No Wednesday Night Live this week. Enjoy Thanksgiving with friends & family.

The church office is closed Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27.

Amy-Jill Levine is presenting a 3-part series **"Jesus and the Jewish Holidays"** at **Wednesday Night Live (WNL)** on **December 2, 9 & 16.** Presentations will be from 6:30-7:30 PM with dinner at 6 PM. Meal signups needed by Sunday online or on the Connection Card, but no signups needed for the program. Invite a friend and join us!

Franklin Community Meals on Wheels is seeking a dedicated volunteer to join our leadership committee as Program Manager. Every day, our volunteers deliver more than a hot meal to homebound neighbors; they deliver connection, dignity, and peace of mind. As Program Manager, you'll help keep that mission running smoothly. For more information about this opportunity, contact Tiffany Bechtel *tbech@yahoo.com*.

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.

Adults 55+ Upcoming Events: On **Wednesday, December 2**, at 1 PM, we'll take a shopping trip to Brightstone's Christmas Shoppe. Our Christmas lunch in Wilson Hall is on **Saturday, December 12**, at 11 AM. Sign up online.

Waffle Shop Outing December 3: Join us at Downtown Presbyterian Church for brunch ($20), includes waffles, your choice of side, and a guided tour of the historic sanctuary. All proceeds benefit DPC's Saturday Fish & Loaves Meal Ministry. Church bus departs at 11 AM (sign-up required) or meet us there at 11:30 AM. Tickets available online at dpchurch.com/waffle-shop. All ages welcome!

FISH Event: December 5 at 9 AM in Wilson Hall join us for a morning of service benefiting Room In The Inn and the Society of St. Andrew. Help assemble food packs for individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as cut produce bags and package seeds for SOSA. No sign-up required. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Giving with Poplar Grove School: Help bless 15 children by adopting a child and providing gifts, clothing, and shoes (approximately $100), or donate a $50 grocery gift card to a family. Wish lists will be emailed the week of Nov. 23. Sign up online or contact Christine Grisham at *cmgrisham@comcast.net.* Return unwrapped gifts to FPC by **Sunday, Dec. 6** under the mission bulletin board.

The Manger Tree: The tree is up in Wilson Hall with gift tags. To choose a gift from an Amazon Wish List, scan a QR code on the back of a gift tag, and it will ship to GraceWorks by Dec. 1 or place your unwrapped gifts under the Manger Tree by **Sunday, Dec. 6.**

2027 Flower Dedications: Donate them in memory, honor, or celebration. Sign up today!

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 lifelong learning
- Creating and nurturing congregational relationships
- Transforming lives and connecting with others through service

Welcome! We warmly welcome everyone 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 get in touch with the Director of Youth Ministries, Sam Belcher *(sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org)*.

Send prayer requests, concerns, or celebrations 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

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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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We appreciate your generosity!