



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 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 / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come; let us gather together all who call Jesus Christ Lord!

Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords!

Jesus' name is above every other name in all of creation!

Jesus, before whom every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess.

Lift our hearts in praise for Christ! Together, let us pray:

O God of enduring compassion and mercy, your dominion is unending, your judgment forthright.

We live by your grace, assured of your love. We praise you for Jesus, who taught how to honor you; we are awed by your Spirit, who guides and sustains us. We come into your presence to learn your will for us, to worship and adore you as we abide in your realm. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, as the days of life roll by, we often let it slip our minds that you are truly the King above all kings and the Lord above all lords. We take our privilege of prayer so lightly that we forget you are the Creator God of the universe, the Lord God Almighty. Forgive us and thank you for loving us anyway.

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

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*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Miles Jacob Wetzel and Sean William Wetzel

sons of Jake and Jaclyn Wetzel

Presenting Elder: Starr Nolan

***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.**

CHORAL VERSE

"Lord, in Thy word we search for thee..."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 23:33-43 (Pew Bible, p. 856)

SERMON

God Loves You!

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 227

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

(A form of sung meditation, we will repeat the hymn six 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

Chancel Choir

"...who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty..."

*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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*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

Adam Trokler, Instrumentalist

Ryan Fox, Liturgist

Elizabeth Fox, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Kathy's father, Ivy Wayson, Jr., by the Garst Family.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Judi Arnold
Jeff Doering
Rachael Stanfill's niece, Lauren Fagan
Dale and Barb Roos' friends, Kokal family
Marlene and Gary Cole's friend, Margaret Simpkins
Mike Anderson's friend, Bruce Force
Namaste Anderson's friend, Stacy McAloon
Vanderbilt LifeFlight

Members:

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

In Memory:

Dorothy Risen November 29, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listening Session: There is still time to 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).



No Wednesday Night Live (WNL) November 26.

The Church Office is closed Wednesday, November 26-Friday, November 28.

Downtown Presbyterian Fish and Loaves Meal Ministry: Join us this Saturday on **November 29**, as we help feed our neighbors who may not have spent the holiday surrounded by family and food. Sign up online.

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.

Advent Workshop & United4Hope Join us next **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.

Adults 55+: 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 Potluck Lunch, featuring musical guest Laurie Evans Ross, on **Saturday, December 13**, at 11:00 AM in Wilson Hall. Please sign up online or on the bulletin board!

The Manger Tree: It's not too late to help families in our community have a wonderful family Christmas. You still have **one week** to choose a gift from the Amazon Wish List for automatic shipping to GraceWorks or to shop for the perfect gift(s) to put under the Manger Tree in Wilson Hall. **All gifts must be returned to the Manger Tree by noon on Sunday, December 7.**

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. Sign up on the FPC events page or contact Christine Grisham at cmgrisham@comcast.net. Return unwrapped gifts to FPC by **Dec. 7.**

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.

Inquirer Gathering: Interested in learning more about FPC? Join us at 9 AM **Sunday, December 14**, in Barr Conference Room.

Music in Worship: Advent Lessons & Carol Service (Sunday, December 14 – 10:15 AM) - Music for congregation, choir, soloists, instrumentalists, and organ. **Christmas Eve Choir** – You are invited to join the choir on Christmas Eve for the 6:00 PM Candlelight Service of Holy Communion. Please see Michael in the Music Office for more information.

Entrusted to Act: The 2026 Entrusted to Act 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 125 pledges totaling \$1,034,660. Thank you for your generosity!

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

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).

615.794.5114 | fpcfFranklin.org
Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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Thank you for your generosity!

