



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

**22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 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**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Make a joyful noise with the trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing out together.

Let us join in the joyful song of creation as we pray together.

You are worthy of all praise, O God, and your judgment is sure. Like a refiner's fire, you purify your people and temper their desires. Your love for them is heat. Your flame is the Spirit's power within; the light is the light which illumines the world. Come, fire from above, and fill our beings, as we worship and adore our Maker.

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

***HYMN 331**

God of the Ages

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Presbyterian Outlook by Rev. Haley Ballast)

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Please help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us the courage to live in your truth.

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.

***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.*

*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 VERSE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38 (Pew Bible, p. 855)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON.

What Is Behind Door Number Two?

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sara Adams; Sydney & Kevin Costacamps; Gary & Carolyn Patterson;
Kat Martin-Ray and Dave, Gabriel, and Conor Ray; Kendall Merrick & John Rothermel; Susan Shockley;
Jake, Jaclyn, Miles & Sean Wetzel

REAFFIRMATION 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.

QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP AND PRAYER

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Let us welcome our newest members.

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.

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

**"I know that my Redeemer lives...He lives, He lives who once was dead,
He lives, my ever-living head."**

***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 337**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

***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 & Organist / Chancel Choir

Adam Troxler, Trumpet

Susan Burns, Liturgist

Charlie Jennings, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of my father, Arthur Roos, by Dale Roos.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Ruthie Moulton

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

Ann Brown

Barbara Crunk

Vickie Ellis

Anne Osborne

Marissa Walters

Tom Wilson

Assisted Living/Homebound:

Derrell and Tee Billingsley- home

Ann Brown- Morning Pointe, Spring Hill

Joan Hetherington- home

Marilyn Miller- The Heritage

Nancy Morris- Somerby

Opal Plumley- The Heritage

Jane Stafford- Willow Springs, Spring Hill

Betty Willoughby- home

In Memory:

Warren Keller November 9, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Potluck honoring Veterans: TODAY after Worship.

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).



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, 21st Recovery Court's Connie Martin and Healing House's Tracey Levine will share.

Entrusted to Act: The 2026 Entrusted to Act Stewardship Campaign ended last Sunday, 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 93 pledges totaling \$799,040.

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 the Saturday after Thanksgiving 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 Workshop is on **Sunday, November 30** at 9:00 AM in Wilson Hall, where all ages will gather to create, learn, and celebrate the beginning of the Advent season together.

The Manger Tree: Each Christmas, FPC collects gifts for the GraceWorks' Manger. A tree in Wilson Hall holds tags with a child's age group and gift ideas (suggested price: \$40-\$60). You can either scan the QR code on the tag to purchase a gift from GraceWorks' Amazon Wish List or select a gift yourself and bring it unwrapped to Wilson Hall by **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. Each family will also receive a \$50 grocery gift card. Sign up on the FPC events page or contact Christine Grisham at 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.

Join the Exploration Sunday School Class as we begin a new study, *Being Reformed – The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving* by Eva Simpson, in room 209 and on Zoom. Questions? 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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