



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 15, 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

Tom Wilhoite, piper

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

On a high mountain, in the thin air between earth and heaven, you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ. His face shone like the sun. His clothes flashed like lightning across stone and sky.

Open our eyes to your glory, O God. Help us stand in your light.

From the bright cloud, your voice spoke love into the world: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

We are listening, O God, in joy and in fear, in certainty and in doubt.

When we would rather stay in safe shadows, when your brightness shows us who we really are, when we fall to the ground overwhelmed by your holiness, we are in awe and wonder at how to respond.

Yet, Christ touches us and says, "Get up. Do not be afraid."

So, we rise. Not shining on our own but carrying the light we have been given down the mountain, into neighborhoods and hospitals, into classrooms and kitchens, and into a world aching for mercy.

We exalt you, O Lord our God. We worship you at your holy mountain. For you, O God, are holy.

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

***HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Radiant God, who once stood on a mountain and let your glory be seen in the face of Christ, we confess that we are more comfortable at the bottom of the hill. We say we want to see you clearly, but when your light breaks through the clouds of our lives, your true power startles us, revealing more than we planned to see about you, about our neighbor, and about ourselves. We confess how quickly we look away. Like the sleepy disciples, we would rather build small shelters, safe places to contain what we cannot control, than follow you back down into the valleys where healing and hard love are needed.

Forgive our actions of unbelief. Meet us in the dazzling and in the dim. Soften what fear has hardened in us toward one another and toward ourselves. Move through us like a bright cloud and whispering voice. Make us, somehow, bearers of your light, not polished or perfect, but willing to reflect even a fraction of your glory for the sake of your people and this world you love.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE – *“Let thy face shine...”*

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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Carillon Handbell Choir

*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.

CHORAL RESPONSE – *“Your Word is a lamp...”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

(Pew Bible, p.798)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wonderfully So!

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

John Johns, guitar

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life and death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

*"...Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heav'n can boast."*

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY 606**

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 377**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN REFLECTION / 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 & Organist
The Chancel Choir – John Johns / Tom Wilhoite instrumentalists
Brent Sower, Liturgist
Sadie Lahey, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of loved ones by Kendall Merrick and John Rothermel.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Nancy Morris
Terry Ruszkowski
Carolyn Smith's uncle-in-law, George Horne Jr.
Carolyn Smith's cousin, Rhonda Krambs
Carolyn Smith's cousin, Bill Whitworth
Tim & Leah Stein's friend, Candy Rice and family
Tim & Leah Stein's friend, Todd Smith and family
Wayne Barcheski's friend Dennis Bara
Leanne Hoeffler's friend, Bodie Kistner
Diane Fender's mother, Sherry Edwards
Sandra Fields' sister-in-law, Linda Dickens
Kelly & Elizabeth Kan's grandmother, Judy Oeder

Births/Adoptions:

Otto Casteel Small, son of Joanna and Zach Small, January 22,
grandson of Hank and Cathy McCall

Members:

Ted Bechtel
Ann Brown
Barbara Crunk
Jeff Doering
Carolyn Hayes
Caleb Lillard
Ruthie Moulton
Anne Osborne
Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Alice Boyce	February 15, 2020
Trudy Posthuma	February 18, 2014
Steve Kelly	February 21, 2020
Jeanette Crosswhite	February 21, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in Worship: TODAY'S Musical Guest-Please welcome John Johns and Tom Wilhoite as they share their musical gifts with us today. **Spring Rehearsals**-Carillon Handbells: WED evenings (5:00 PM) – Chancel Choir: WED evenings (6:45 PM)

February Basic Essentials Collection: This month donate heavy drawstring men's pants size Medium through XXXL for Room In The Inn. Pants may be placed in the "new" Basic Essentials Cart just outside the Sanctuary.

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 is our Ash Wednesday service and on Feb. 25 we will finish our series with Samar Ali.

Ash Wednesday Services: Join us February 18, Noon & 6:45 PM (Livestream)

Adults 55+ are invited to join us for good food and fellowship at 11 AM local restaurants. We'll gather on **February 16** at Franklin Chop House, located at 1101 Murfreesboro Rd. in Franklin, and again on **March 31** at 11 AM at Mellow Mushroom, 317 Main St. in Franklin. Just show up and enjoy time together!

Volunteer for Fish & Loaves Ministry! Join us on **Saturday, February 21**, as we partner with Downtown Presbyterian for the Fish & Loaves Meal Ministry. We'll meet at 8:20 AM at 154 Rep. John Lewis Way, Nashville, TN. Complimentary parking is available. Sign up now and help us serve our community!

Youth Envelope Fundraiser: Donations will be accepted through February 22 and will help youth attend Montreat Youth Conference and mission trips.

Lenten Bible Study: Join us Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Barr Conference Room starting **February 25**. Pastor Eddie will lead a book study of *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. All are welcome! Participants need to purchase their own books.

Pizza & Trivia Night- New Date 2/28: Join us for food, fellowship, and a night of fun team competitions on our new date **Saturday, February 28** at 5:30 PM.

After Amen Lunch at The Factory: March 1 join other members at The Factory for lunch after worship. Each person will get their own food and then look for others in the Sky Light Bar area to eat together. Thank you to our new Fellowship Committee members for new ideas! This is a new way to connect with your FPC family.

Mid-Week Lenten Services – Wednesdays, 6:45 PM (All Services Livestream)

March 4-Sam Belcher

March 11-Marilyn Doering

March 18-Mary Sellers Shaw

March 25-A Seder in Wilson Hall: Led by the Gottlieb Family *No Livestream

Upcoming Mission Opportunities: Join us for hands-on service this spring! Participate in a workday at Crossroads Mission Care on **March 14** and the Mountain T.O.P. Adult Mission Trip **April 16–19** in Coalmont, TN. All skill levels welcome. Sign-up deadlines: March 8 (Crossroads Mission Care) and March 15 (Mountain T.O.P.). Contact Mike Anderson at mja2649@aol.com to learn more and sign up on the Connection Card or the FPC events page.

The FPC Nominating Committee invites your input as we prepare to nominate members to replace those rotating off. In addition, we are forming a Pastor Nominating Committee and welcome your suggestions for individuals you believe would be faithful and effective participants in the pastor search process. If you have a recommendation for either the Nominating Committee and/or the Pastor Nominating Committee, please complete a Blue Connection Card or contact the committee through Mike Anderson at 615-969-1515 or mja2649@aol.com.

Use the QR code to visit the 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 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 contact the Director of Youth Ministries, Sam Belcher (*sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org*).

Prayer requests to share concerns or celebrations may be sent to Anne Keener (*akeener@fpcfranklin.org*).

THE SESSION

Class of 2026

Leanne Hoeffler
John Korab
Tammy Love
Starr Nolan
Phillip Otts

Class of 2027

Greg Bennorth
Dan Crunk
Sarah Fox
Martha Johnson
Jim Petersen

Class of 2028

Judi Arnold
Rick Blackburn
Rich Crim
Tony Inglis
Rachael Stanfill

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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