



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

**5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
YOUTH SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 8, 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**

Kelly Kan

### **PRELUDE**

Isla England and Elizabeth Kan

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hannah Fox

God calls us to spread scripture, God calls us to love

**God calls us to be the salt of the earth**

God calls us to spread hope, God gives us new life

**God calls us to be the light of the world**

Jesus wasn't sent to abolish the law

**Jesus was sent to fulfill it**

Let us join in worship to fulfill the law

### **\*HYMN 620**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDES DOMINI

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Caroline Freiburg

**Faithful God, we come to you as your children to be the light that shines in your world.**

**We look to you as a beacon of hope in difficult times.**

**We pray that you touch our hearts with compassion for those who suffer.**

**Reveal to us how to show love for others.**

**Shepherd us each day as we seek to be like you.**

**In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Nick Costa

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, but we confess that we have gone astray and follow the dim light of personal salvation. Forgive us for not seeking the true light of your love for all of the world. Renew us so that we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe 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 583

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia! (REPEAT)**

## \*THE READING OF THE LAW

Lillian Dufrechou

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

Claire Inglis

*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.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Emeline Lasseter

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-20 (Pew Bible, p.786)

The Word of the Lord.

Jackson Reynolds

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*The Difference Is You*

D.J. Gottlieb

## RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### \*HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sadie Lahey

**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**

Francelia Downey

**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.**

**STORIES OF BELONGING**

Harriet Kissel

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES**

Miles Jennings

*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**

Owen Sower

**\*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 744***Arise, Your Light is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

**\*BENEDICTION****\*HYMN REFLECTION / POSTLUDE****\*RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Nick Costa, Abigail Crim, Elliot Crim, Francelia Downey, Lillian Dufrechou, Isla England, Hannah Fox, Caroline Freiburg, Maggie Garafola, DJ Gottlieb, Jack Granstaff, Claire Inglis, Miles Jennings, Elizabeth Kan, Kelly Kan, Ben Kissel, Charlie Kissel, Harriet Kissel, Sadie Lahey, Elise Lasseter, Emeline Lasseter, Parrish Lewis, Lynlee Nichols, Justin Osborne, Gabriel Ray, Jackson Reynolds, Lucas Rydlund, Owen Sower, Joseph Tarkington

Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries  
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist  
The Chancel Choir  
Emily Korab and Tony Inglis, Acolytes

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Andy Grisham by Christine, Parkes, Will, and Neeley.*

*The rosebud is in honor of the birth of Otto Casteel Small,  
son of FPC member, Joanna McCall Small.*

## PRAYER LIST

### **New:**

Nancy Morris  
Wayne Barcheski's friends, Kathy and 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

### **Birth:**

Otto Casteel Small, son of Joanna and Zach Small, born 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:**

Gary Brown	February 9, 2025
Katy Nappier	February 11, 2020
Gail Trapnell Fontaine	February 11, 2020
Sheffield Clark	February 12, 2005
Herb Nappier	February 13, 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**My Faith as a Muslim Series February 11 & 25:** Join us from 6:30–7:30 PM for a series with Samar Ali, Vanderbilt professor and founder of Millions of Conversations. All are welcome! Sign up for dinner on the FPC website or Connection Card.

**Lenten Growth Groups:** See the back of the Connection Card for all the details and prayerfully consider joining a Growth Group. They will meet for 7 weeks, beginning the week of February 15, to discuss *The Hope of Glory* by Jon Meacham. Books are available for \$18 in the church office or on Kindle. Sign up on the FPC website or on the Connection Card by **TODAY**.

**Worship Flowers:** Honor or remember loved ones by donating worship flowers in their name. Flowers enhance worship and are shared with members as a sign of care. The cost is \$100, and signups are on the FPC Events webpage. Upcoming available dates include February 22 and March 1 & 15.

**Music in Worship: Spring Rehearsals**—Carillon Handbells: WED evenings (5:00 PM) – Chancel Choir: WED evenings (6:45 PM) **“Cookie Caravan”**—Join the choirs for the caravan during TODAY’S potluck meal (following worship).

**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.

**Youth Envelope Fundraiser:** Please consider donating. Donations will help youth attend Montreat Youth Conference and mission trips.

**Winter Potluck:** Join us **TODAY**, after worship for the FPC Winter Potluck!

**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!

**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.

**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](mailto:mja2649@aol.com) to learn more and sign up on the FPC events page.

**The Congregational Care Committee** is seeking new members who are passionate about caring for our church family. To join or learn more, reach out to the chair, Tammy Love, at 501-472-6634.

**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 Basic Essentials Cart just outside the Sanctuary.

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](mailto:sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org)).

**Prayer requests** to share concerns or celebrations may be sent to Anne Keener ([akeener@fpcfranklin.org](mailto: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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