



**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION
MARCH 1, 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

MUSICAL TEACHING MOMENT – *In the Singing*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Son of Man must be lifted up

so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

God so loved the world that God sent the Son not to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through him.

We gather in the shadow of the cross in humility and in faith to worship God. Together, let us pray:

God of all time and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born anew by water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander in the wilderness, we want to rely on you, yet we struggle. We are aware of our need for your presence, your love, and your guidance in our life, yet too often try to rely on our own abilities. Forgive us for turning from you instead of toward you. We confess our fear and lack of faith. We admit our distrust and resistance. Open our hearts and minds to believe and to follow.

Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE – “*On God alone, I wait silently*”

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News.

In the name of 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

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye (A) we adore him.

*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.

Would you like to help us continue to offer Children’s Worship for our families with Young Children? If you’re willing to volunteer and lead 1 or 2 Sundays this semester for this 20-minute lesson time, contact sbelcher@fpcf franklin.org.

CHORAL RESPONSE – “*Day by day...*”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

(Pew Bible, page 863)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

For God So Loved

Anne Keener

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 533

In the Singing

BREAD OF PEACE

(The congregation is invited to sing the REFRAIN only, as directed by the cantor.)

*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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

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OFFERTORY MUSIC – “*At the table of the Lord, we shall be free...*”

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues the prayer... who forever sings your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader continues the prayer... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader continues the prayer... now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

All bread is gluten-free. The wine is non-alcoholic grape juice.

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN 321**

The Church’s One Foundation

AURELIA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist – The Chancel Choir

Susan Burns, Liturgist

Isla England, Acolyte

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in glory to God and in loving memory of our Pop, Deane Adams, born this day in 1927, by Sara Adams and family.

The rosebud is in honor of the birth of Cory Ray Costacamps, son of Kevin and Sydney Costacamps.

PRAYER LIST

New:

Caleb Lillard

Martha Johnson's brother-in-law, Tom Anderson

Cathie Davidson's sister-in-law, Bonnie Moon

Terry and Tammy Love's friend, Yvonne Caple

John and Ruthie Moulton's great-granddaughter, Amyah Bell

John and Ruthie Moulton's great-grandson, Mason Bell

Births/Adoptions:

Cory Ray Costacamps, son of Kevin and Sydney Costacamps, February 19

Deaths:

Pat Johnson's sister, Betty Harrel, February 21

Pat Johnson's sister, Martha Kerr, February 20

Heather Reimer's father, Robert Whipple, February 15

Members:

Ted Bechtel, Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Jeff Doering, Carolyn Hayes,

Nancy Morris, Anne Osborne

In Memory:

Mary Jefferson March 1, 2006

Ellen Dickinson March 5, 2020

Announcements

Music in Worship: Spring Rehearsals-Carillon Handbells WED evenings at 5:00 PM and Chancel Choir WED evenings at 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 Sam Belcher, Youth Director, will be leading our Lenten worship service.

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

After Amen Lunch at The Factory: TODAY, 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 (Livestreamed)

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

Adults 55+ are invited to join us for lunch **this Thursday, March 5** at 11:00 AM at Carrabba's (533 Cool Springs Blvd.) and again on **March 31** at 11:00 AM at Mellow Mushroom (317 Main St.); no sign up is needed for either gathering. Our Lunch & Learn will be held **March 18** at 11:15 AM in the Barr Conference Room, featuring Age Well's services and a presentation on scams targeting older adults—sign up online or on the Wilson Hall bulletin board to reserve a \$10 boxed lunch.

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.

FISH Event: Join us **March 28** at 9:00 AM in Wilson Hall to assemble PDA Hygiene Kits, create seed packets supporting Society of St. Andrew's food distribution efforts (an easy sit-down projects that everyone can enjoy), and assemble thank you bags for Poplar Grove teachers and staff for our United4Hope partnership.

Stations of the Cross: Also referred to as the "way of the cross," was developed to bring pilgrimage into the local church, so that the faithful could follow the way of Jesus passion. Mike Moyers has beautifully interpreted Jesus' journey to Calvary for us in the form of fourteen paintings. Visit the Barr Conference Room hallway to take a self-guided devotional journey this Lenten season.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 6:00 PM: Meal & Service (No Livestream)

Good Friday – April 3, Noon: Service (No Livestream)

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 AM: Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday – April 5: 6:00 AM Sunrise Service at
Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church (Breakfast follows)
8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (Livestream) Worship at FPC



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
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Tammy Love
Starr Nolan
Phillip Otts

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Dan Crunk
Sarah Fox
Martha Johnson
Jim Petersen

Class of 2028

Judi Arnold
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Rich Crim
Tony Inglis
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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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