



**5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 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 / HYMN INTONATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us come before the Lord with songs and praise in our hearts!

For in Christ, death has been defeated and threatens us no more.

And life is worth celebrating as we carry the Gospel to all nations.

For no power in heaven or on earth can strip us from the hand of God.

And the faithful are assured of an eternity with Christ in heaven. Let us each know we are special in the heart of Christ. Together, let us pray.

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; You incline your ear as we call on your name. Our souls rest in you and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now your hand upon us, and draw us out by your Spirit, that we may sing praise to your name.

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

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess that we do not know what to do with grief. So, we rush past it. We explain it away. We offer easy words when hearts are breaking. Forgive us for the ways we avoid the wounded places in others and in ourselves. Forgive us for believing that faith means having answers instead of having the courage to stay near the tomb.

Lord Jesus, you did not hurry past your friend's grave. You stopped. You listened. And you wept. Teach us that kind of faith, a faith that stays, a faith that sees, a faith that trusts that even here, where death seems to have the final word, you are already speaking life.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE – “On God alone I wait silently...”

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.

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.

***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

Sam Belcher

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 – “Day by day...”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-16; 38-43

(Pew Bible, p.873)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

All Things Christ

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

***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.

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

"O Savior of the world, save us and help us."

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 772**

Live into Hope

TRURO

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Nominating Committee Slate: Judi Arnold, Sue Banner, David Bell, Bill Carver, Martha Johnson, Verna Rydlund

Pastor Nominating Committee Slate: Mary Bryant, Susan Burns, Rich Crim, Ryan Fox, Nancy Moody, Jim Petersen, Sam Webb

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist
The Chancel Choir
Francelia Downey, Liturgist
Ben Costa, Acolyte
Mike Moyers, Artist

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Waymack, Jennifer Sower's mother and Emma, Elijah, and Owen's nana, by the Sowers.

PRAYER LIST

New:

Rick Moody
Linda Cairatti's father, Bill Jack
US service members especially those in harm's way
People in Iran and the Middle East region under attack
Family members of those killed in war
Martha Johnson's brother-in-law, Michael Maniscalco
Roger Fender's mother, Margaret Fender
Anne Osborne's friend, Cecilie Maynor

Members:

Ted Bechtel, Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Jeff Doering, Carolyn Hayes
Caleb Lillard, Anne Osborne

Military:

Melinda Henderson
Taylor Reynolds
Thomas Reynolds
Cathie Oldham Davidson's grandson, Kyle Davidson
Marilyn Miller's grandson, Will Herbert
Opal Plumley's grandson, Douglas Plumley
Sally Wanzer's grandson-in-law, Mclane Smith

In Memory:

Jim Goodnow	March 22, 2024
Lisa Higley	March 24, 2013
Mary Fran Ligon	March 27, 2021
Ronald Watson	March 27, 2023

Announcements

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 the Gottlieb family will lead a Seder in Wilson Hall

FISH Event: Join us **this Saturday, March 28, at 9:00 AM in Wilson Hall to assemble Hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, and seed packets for the Society of Saint Andrew. Simultaneously, approximately 160 "thank you" gift bags will be assembled for teachers and staff at Poplar Grove Elementary and Middle Schools as part of the United4Hope project.

Spring Potluck: Join us for food and fellowship next Sunday, **March 29**, following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share!

Adults 55+: Lunch on **March 31** at 11:00 AM at Mellow Mushroom, Franklin.

Dinner for 8: Want to meet other FPC members over a shared meal? Join Dinner for 8 on Saturday, April 11, from 6–8 PM at members' homes. Groups of up to eight will be arranged by the Fellowship Committee—part of the fun is seeing who you'll meet! **Sign up by April 2.** Interested in hosting? Email emily.korab@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, **April 4** at 10 AM. Bring 1 dozen filled eggs per child. Crafts, snacks & the Easter Bunny!

Easter Memorial and Honorarium donations are available on the Connection Card and on the website Giving page. You may give in honor, memory, or thanksgiving for blessings for a \$20 donation to the Worship Flower Fund.

Flower the Easter Cross: Please bring flowers to worship on Easter Sunday, **April 5**, to help us flower the Cross as you arrive.

Stations of the Cross: Mike Moyers' fourteen paintings depicting Jesus' journey to Calvary are on display in the hallway of the Barr Conference Room. All are invited to take a self-guided devotional journey this Lenten season.

Emergency Medical Sessions: Learn what to do before EMS arrives in situations involving unconsciousness, choking, bleeding, and AED use. Led by Don Arnold in the Barr Conference Room after services on **April 12 & 19 and June 7 & 28** Healthcare professionals interested in helping can contact don.arnold@yumc.org

Summer Wonder Hour Volunteers Needed: Are you passionate about the wonders of creation? Can you share your love of nature one Sunday morning this summer? Summer Wonder Hour for elementary students needs you! Topics from insects to trees to mountains are welcome! Email katiegottlieb@yahoo.com if interested.

Music in Worship: Musical "Small Group"- Consider joining us in the Chancel Choir, the church's original "small group" (caring, fellowship, growth, friendships, and more). Join us on for a WED evening (6:45 PM).

Basic Essentials Collection: Drop off Men's athletic & winter socks for Room In The Inn in the narthex in March. We also support the GraceWorks Food Pantry all year!

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



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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