



**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026**

*Welcome to 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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Open the gates of righteousness to me.

That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

We thank you for answering me and becoming our salvation.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in the eyes.

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

***PALM PROCESSION**

***HYMN 196**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(The hymn will begin once the choir is in place.)*

VALLET WILL

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

You give us tongues to speak comforting words to those who are weary. Each morning, you awaken us to the words of new life. Open our ears so we may hear of your redemption; open our lips so we may confess Christ as the source of all righteousness. Our time is in your hands, and we give you praise for your goodness that has no end. In Jesus, name we pray Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we confess that we are not always the people who welcome you well. Like the crowds in Jerusalem, we praise you with our lips, yet our hearts are often far from you. We shout “Hosanna!” in moments of joy, but turn away when following you becomes costly.

Forgive us and our shallow praise, our divided hearts, and our reluctance to follow you fully. Create in us true repentance. Teach us to welcome you not only with words, but with lives shaped by your love, your justice, and your peace. Help us to follow you from the shouts of “Hosanna” to the silence of the cross, trusting in your mercy and grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL VERSE

On God alone, I wait silently...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

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.**

PROCLAIM 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, 5, K) info on back of bulletin

CHORAL VERSE

Day by day...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11 (Pg. 802)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Everyone Loves A Parade, But Which One?

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Victoria Bilyeu; Laurie Brooks; Jeff and Marilyn Doering;
Jordan, Alexandra, Harper, and Harrison Gates; Norm and Linda Parker

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

"Hosanna (save us)! O Zion, see, your King comes nigh!"

*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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

*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 and Organist
The Chancel and Carillon Handbell Choirs
Adam Troxler, Instrumentalist
Bill Carver, Liturgist
Jackson Reynolds, Acolyte
Mike Moyers, Artist

PRAYER LIST

New:

Rick Moody
Heather Reimer's mother, Vicki Whipple
Elizabeth Stivers' friend, John Dulaney
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

Members:

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

In Memory:

Dot Bilyeu	March 29, 2011
Mildred Jellicorse	March 30, 2008
Murray Wilhoite	March 31, 2018
Anita Sullivan	April 1, 2003
Carolyn Keller	April 1, 2022
Dean Crosswhite	April 1, 2024
Dorothy Dobbs	April 3, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Potluck: Join us for food and fellowship TODAY following the worship service.

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 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 with the assistance of Blair and Larry Reynolds after services on **April 12 & 19 and June 7 & 28** Healthcare professionals interested in helping can contact don.arnold@vumc.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 SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: Service will be in Wilson Hall at 6 PM **April 2** and includes a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread, a homily, and communion around the tables. Sign up online or on the connection card. No livestream.

Good Friday Service will be held at Noon **April 3**. No livestream.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us Saturday, **April 4** at 10 AM for our annual Easter egg hunt. We ask for each child to bring one dozen filled eggs. We will provide a craft, light snacks, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service & breakfast will be at Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church at 6 AM. Sign up for the breakfast on the Connection Card. Easter Services at FPC will be at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM (Livestream at 10:15 AM only). The nursery will be available at both the 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM services.

Use the QR code to visit Upcoming Events/Registrations.



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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