



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
SENIOR SUNDAY  
MAY 3, 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**

John Johns, guitar

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus, the Way, shows us what a well-lived life entails.

**Let us follow his example, in word and in deed.**

Jesus, the Truth, invites us to believe in Him and embody his teachings.

**May we trust in his promises and follow his commands.**

Jesus, the Life, has conquered death and every evil force in this world, giving us an eternal future with Him forevermore. Let us pray:

**Triumphant Christ, you have shown us what it means to know the heart of God. May the songs we sing and the lives we live be a holy offering to you, today and every day.**

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

**\*HYMN 35**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, giver of light and grace, your Son and our Lord proclaimed himself the way, the truth, and the life. We have neglected his way among us. We have ignored his truth revealed to us. We have rejected the life he offers us. Again and again we fail to accept his invitation to a new way, a new truth, and a new life. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes again to the wonders of your love revealed in Christ our Lord. Give us strength to walk in the way of Christ.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** – *“Lord of life...hear us, we pray.”*

**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 238**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away. Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory...**

**\*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**

Sam Belcher

*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**

*"O Lord, my Lord..."*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 14:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Kirsty Bollinger

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN 544**

*Bless the Lord, My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

*(This hymn will be sung a total of four times.)*

**\*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.**

**SENIOR RECOGNITION AND BIBLE PRESENTATION**

Sam Belcher

Kirsty Marie Bollinger, Olivia Garafola, Owen Carter Sower

**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**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,  
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*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 sing 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 463

*How Firm a Foundation*  
(VERSES One, Two, and Five)

FOUNDATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION

\*RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Five Bell Peal

**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor  
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries  
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music & Organist– The Chancel Choir  
Kirsty Bollinger, Senior Preaching  
Francelia Downey, Liturgist  
Nora Downey, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Payne Gaston Shanafelt by Gay & Paul Shanafelt and Jordan Hamilton.*

**PRAYER LIST**

**New:**

Sandra Fields' friends, Tom Bateman and family  
Barb Roos' cousin, Karl Lache  
Marlene and Gary Cole's friend, Cathey Mason  
Norm and Linda Parker's daughter, Anita Wade  
Leah Stein's friend, Duane Dearfield

**Deaths:**

Linda Cairatti's father, Bill Jack, April 28  
Angela Calhoun's mother, Claire Mitchell, April 17

**Births:**

Carmen Ivy Nunez, daughter of Hannah and Francis Nunez, April 20  
great-granddaughter of Vivian and Chuck Coble

**Members:**

Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Carolyn Hayes, Caleb Lillard, Anne Osborne

**In Memory:**

Anne Deemy May 3, 2019  
Jennie Gant May 4, 2000

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Senior Sunday:** We are honoring our graduating seniors. Following the Worship Service join us for a banquet. Senior Bibles are available in Wilson Hall. Each member is invited to stop by to leave an encouraging note.

**Elder Nominations:** Please take a moment to submit your nominations for Elders for the Class of 2029. You can do this by filling out the Connection Card. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated as we seek leaders to serve.

**Study Opportunities:** Sisters in Spirit meets Fridays at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. The group is finishing a study on *The Difficult Words of Jesus* by A.J. Levine and will begin a new study on *Counterweights* by Shannan Martin on May 8. All women are welcome. The Men's Bible Study meets Saturdays at 7:30 AM in the Parlor and is studying *Proverbs* by Christine R. Yoder. All men are invited to join for fellowship and meaningful discussion. The Presbyterian Women will have their final meeting of this study on May 12 at 9:45 AM in the Church Parlor and will begin a new study in the fall.

**Adults 55+:** Come for food and fellowship each Wednesday at 5 PM at the Franklin Chop House. No need to sign up. Just show up!

**The Basic Essentials Collection** supports GraceWorks Food Pantry year-round with food carts, student fuel bags, holiday boxes, and mobile pantries. May's collection benefits Williamson County Animal Center. Needed items: laundry detergent, cat toys and treats and dog treats and chews.

**FISH Service Opportunities:** Sign up online.

Plans for Saturday, **May 16** have changed—we will no longer serve at the GraceWorks Food Pantry and will reschedule for a future date. Instead, we'll be serving at Downtown Presbyterian Church's Fish & Loaves Ministry in Nashville **May 16**, offering breakfast and hospitality to those experiencing homelessness. We will gather at DPC at 8:30 AM.

**June 2**, Volunteer with Williamson County Animal Shelter at 10 AM.

**Confirmation Sunday: May 17** join us for worship as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday, honoring our six confirmands and welcoming them into full membership in the life of the church.

**FPC Music & Arts: Sunday, May 17** at 3 PM we welcome African American Concert Organist Alcee Chriss III. Celebrated for his "grace, skill, and abundant proficiency," Dr. Chriss has performed throughout North America and Europe and is University Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Wesleyan University. In addition to his concert career, Alcee is active as a church musician, guest lecturer, and remains engaged with his lifelong love of gospel and jazz.

**Blood Drive, May 31:** Join us for a blood drive with the American Red Cross in Wilson Hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Blood donation is vital—and you can help save lives by giving to patients in need. To schedule an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FPCF19.

**Outreach Events:** Franklin Pride is **June 6** at Harlinsdale Park and Juneteenth is **June 19** at Franklin Bicentennial Park. FPC members are invited to sign up to volunteer at our FPC tent and/or come enjoy each event. Sign up online or email Verna for more info at [vrydlund@gmail.com](mailto:vrydlund@gmail.com).

**Use 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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