



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

TRINITY SUNDAY  
MAY 31, 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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Tom Wilhoite

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Trinity Sunday, we gather at the edge of mystery, not to solve God, but to stand in wonder before the Holy One, who comes to us as Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

**We come to worship the God who is somehow both intimacy and infinity, three notes woven into one song of mercy.**

Come closer and listen carefully. The heavens still hum with the voice that spoke light into darkness. The wounded Christ still walks through locked rooms, breathing peace. The Spirit still moves like wind through weary hearts, stirring courage where fear once lived.

**For the triune God keeps drawing near, creating us in love, redeeming us through grace, and breathing us into new life again and again.**

And so with joy and trembling, with questions and praise, we lift our voices together:

**Holy Trinity, surround us in your mystery and gather us into your love. Let the song of your mercy echo through our lives until the whole world hears the good news of your grace.**

In the name of the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer, let us worship God!

\*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Mystery, Three-in-One God, forgive us for the ways we shrink your gospel to fit our comfort. Forgive us when our lives speak more of anxiety than trust, more of judgment than mercy, and more of scarcity than grace.

We confess that we have broken communion with you, with one another, and with the earth you have called good. There are neighbors we have ignored, truths we have avoided, injustices we have tolerated because they benefited us or because confronting them seemed too costly.

Still, you remain faithful. Like a patient parent, like a sibling who will not abandon us, like breath returning to weary lungs, you keep drawing near. So, gather up the fragments of our lives, O God. Speak again into the chaos within us: "Let there be light." Breathe peace into the hidden places of our hearts. Teach us once more how to live in the deep communion of your love.

## 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 581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### \*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

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.*

Would you like to lead a Children's Worship this summer? Anyone interested, including first-time volunteers, contact Sam at [sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org) or sign up online on the FPC events page.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20 (p.812)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*We Belong to God*

Eddie Bellis

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN 722

*Lord, Speak to Me*  
(VERSES One, Two, Three, and Five)

CANONBURY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Study Catechism)

How do you live for the love of God?

**I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me. 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

Tom Wilhoite

\*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.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 546

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SILICIAN

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Tom Wilhoite

\*RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor  
Sam Belcher, Youth Director  
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist  
Tom Wilhoite, Piper  
Susan Burns, Liturgist  
Charlie Jennings, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Julie and Charlie Van Cleve by Jim and Anne Keener.*

## PRAYER LIST

### **New:**

Caleb Lillard  
Eddie Bellis' daughter, Kara Bellis  
Barb Heerman's family member, Dylan Maye  
Barb Heerman's friends, Lili Massengill and John Alden  
Kathy Kirby's friends, Jack Smithson and Chris Ellis  
Christine Grisham's friend, Michael Romines

### **Deaths:**

Missy McKeand's brother, Bill Herbert, May 15

### **Members:**

Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Carolyn Hayes, Anne Osborne

### **Assisted Living/Homebound:**

Derrell and Tee Billingsley- home  
Ann Brown- The Lantern, Spring Hill  
Carolyn Hayes- Canterfield  
Joan Hetherington- home  
Marilyn Miller- The Heritage  
Nancy Morris- Somerby  
Opal Plumley- The Heritage  
Jane Stafford- Willow Springs, Spring Hill  
Betty Willoughby- home

### **In Memory:**

Millard Posthuma	May 31, 2009
Wanda Barr	June 2, 2018
William Darby	June 6, 2001

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Music in Worship – “Easel-y Heard”—From Easel to Ear** Beginning on June 14, we will feature both a piece of art by congregation member Mike Moyers and “hear” it as it is interpreted musically during the morning’s offertory music. **Today’s Musical Guest**—Please welcome Tom Wilhoite, piper.

**Blood Drive, TODAY:** Join us for a blood drive with the American Red Cross in Wilson Hall today until 1:00 PM. Blood donation is vital—and you can help save lives by giving to patients in need. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use code FPCF19. **Please consider stopping by Wilson Hall to donate blood today!**

**Website Update:** We are updating the church website and are looking for members with expertise or interest in helping Thomas Bartolomeo and others with this process. If you are interested and willing to help, contact Catherine Olson [colson@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:colson@fpcfranklin.org).

**Summer Wonder Hour and Sunday School:** Elementary will study *The Wonder of God’s Creation* in Room 209; Youth will have a combined middle and high school Sunday School class in 117/118 studying *The Classics*, which explores familiar Bible stories like Noah and Jonah; Summer Adult Sunday School will meet in Barr and study *1 Corinthians: Then and Now*, led by Pastor Eddie.

**The Basic Essentials Collection:** For June, we will support Williamson Co Health Dept.’s Big Backpack Giveaway where they will distribute 1500 backpacks so every child can start the school year prepared. Supplies needed include wide-ruled and college-ruled loose-leaf paper, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, index cards, and crayons.

**FISH Service Opportunity: June 2**, volunteer with Williamson County Animal Shelter at 10 AM. Sign up online.

**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).

**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 **June 7 & 28**. Each session is stand-alone, and no prior attendance is required. Healthcare professionals interested in helping can contact [don.arnold@vumc.org](mailto:don.arnold@vumc.org).

**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!

**Summer Potluck:** Save the date! **Sunday, July 19** is our next potluck following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share.

**Montreat Women's Connection Aug. 14–16:** Start planning now for the Montreat Women's Connection Weekend! Enjoy a meaningful weekend of worship, fellowship, rest, shopping in Black Mountain, visits to the Montreat Book Store and Blue Ridge Folk Art Center, and keynote speaker Kristin Kobes Du Mez. We'd love to know who's interested—sign up online!

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

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Sam Belcher, Dir. of Youth Ministries  
Catherine Olson, Dir. of Operations

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Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator  
Linda Cairatti, Nursery Staff

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