



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 21, 2026

*Welcome to worship. The asterisk (\*) invites all to rise in body or spirit.  
The people's responses are in **bold type**. Please silence cell phones.*



*O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* is part of our “Easel-y Heard”- *From Easel to Ear* series where we feature a piece of art and “hear” it as it is interpreted musically during the offertory music. The artist, congregation member Mike Moyers, will also offer some words each week to deepen our reflection.

*“O Master let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.”*

*This painting is a visual interpretation of the hymn whose title it shares.  
At first glance, a figure walks along a path through a drippy, smeared cityscape.  
The path widens and descends into darker, more foreboding tones.  
Look closer, however, and you'll notice a second figure walking alongside.*

*Like the hymn, the painting explores the search for God's support and companionship as we pursue the work of God's kingdom. It balances comfort and anxiety, presence, and uncertainty. Honest and evocative, it reflects on what it means to “walk humbly with our God.”*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

John Johns, guitar

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The waters of baptism remind us who we are.

**We belong to God.**

Through Christ's death and resurrection, God has set us free.

**Through the Holy Spirit, God renews us day by day.**

We come with gratitude and hope as we pray together.

**Gracious God, in baptism you mark us as your own and welcome us into the household of faith. As we gather around your Word and witness the waters of new life, help us remember the promises you have made and the promises we are called to keep. Renew us in faith, strengthen us in love, and empower us by your Spirit to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Let us joyfully worship God with our whole hearts.

**\*HYMN 246**

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

(VERSES One, Two, Four, and Five)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have united us with Christ in his death and resurrection, yet we confess that we do not always live as resurrection people. We choose fear over faith, resentment over forgiveness, and self-interest over service. We forget the promises of our baptism and fail to trust the power of your grace. Forgive us and renew us. By your Spirit, free us from all that keeps us from abundant life. Teach us again what it means to die to sin and live for you.**

SILENT CONFESSION

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 508**

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.**

**\*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.**

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 to K) information is on the back of the bulletin.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michael Kapon Watson

Cathrine Akeakamai Watson, daughter of Libby and Michael Watson

Presenting Elder: Chuck Cairatti

### \*PROFESSION 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.**

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:1b-11 (Pew Bible, p. 917)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*United With Christ*

Anne Keener

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN FAVORITE

#### 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

*An interpretation of the hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

### \*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 265

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
(VERSES One, Three, Four, and Five)

DUKE STREET

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor  
Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor  
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist  
John Johns, guitar  
Sue Mahurin, Liturgist  
Elizabeth Fox, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of our 48th Anniversary by Dale and Barbara Roos.*

**PRAYER LIST**

**New:**

Cathie Davidson's friends, Karen Mitchell and Judy Shuford  
Ruthie Moulton's sister, Ingrid Morrison  
Barb Roos' cousin & Eric Lache's niece, Susan Bendell  
Karen Coleman's friend, Tyler McKinnie  
Leah Stein's friends, Lori Chapman and Margaret Owens  
Carolyn Hayes' daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Gary Rainford  
John and Ruthie Moulton's great-granddaughter, Amyah Bell

**Deaths:**

Christi Granstaff's brother, Michael Granstaff, June 16  
Roger Fender's mother, Margaret Fender, June 11  
Paula Starace's mother, Verna Clark, May 16

**Members:**

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

**In Memory:**

Bob Lessley	June 22, 2002
Ed Snyder	June 22, 2016
Joe Henson	June 23, 2020
Lillian Savage	June 27, 2012

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A Congregational Meeting is scheduled at the end of today's worship service for the purpose of receiving an update from the 2026 Nominating Committee.**

**Music in Worship – “Easel-y Heard”—From Easel to Ear** continues. Each week, we will feature a piece of art by congregation member Mike Moyers and “hear” it as it is interpreted musically during the morning's offertory music.

**Worship Flowers:** Sign up today on the website to dedicate worship flowers in memory or in honor of someone you love. Open dates July-November.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Front Desk Volunteer- on Monday afternoons from 12:30 pm – 4 pm. The position includes answering the phone and doors, and some light administrative work as needed. Please reach out to Catherine Olson [colson@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:colson@fpcfranklin.org) if you are interested.

Children's Worship Leader- one Sunday this month during the sermon. Contact Sam Belcher ([sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org)) for details.

Substitute Monday "flower deliverer" of our rearranged worship flowers on a when needed? Contact Anne Keener ([akeener@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:akeener@fpcfranklin.org)) for more details.

**Summer Wonder Hour:** Elementary will study *The Wonder of God's Creation* in Room 209; They will be led by an all-star crew of nature-loving members! Each week this summer, students will meet to explore creation and learn about the creator. Don't miss it! The weekly calendar is available on the FPC website.

**Summer Sunday School:** Youth will combine middle and high school Sunday School classes in rooms 117/118, studying *The Classics*, which explores familiar Bible stories like Noah and Jonah; Adult Sunday School will meet in Barr and study *1 Corinthians: Then and Now*, led by Pastor Eddie and Kimberly Coward.

**The Basic Essentials Collection:** For June, we will partner with *The Big Backpack Giveaway*, which will be distributing 1,500 backpacks in July, so that every child can start the school year feeling prepared, confident, and full of hope. Supplies needed: Plastic folders, Index cards, Colored markers. Drop off in the cart located in the Narthex.

**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 the service next Sunday, **June 28**. Each session is stand-alone, and no prior attendance is required.

**Fish and Loaves Meal Ministry:** The FPC mission committee will be partnering with Downtown Presbyterian on **Saturday, July 18**. If you would like to volunteer, sign up on the FPC website.

**Summer Potluck:** Save the date! **Sunday, July 19**.

**Montreat Women's Connection Aug. 14–16:** Who wants to join us? Enjoy a meaningful weekend of worship, fellowship, rest, shopping, the Blue Ridge Folk Art Center, and keynote speaker **Kristin Kobes Du Mez**. We are planning accommodations so—sign up online today or contact Barbara Roos ([barbararoos427@gmail.com](mailto:barbararoos427@gmail.com)).

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

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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