



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 28, 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.*



The artwork above titled *I Am the Way* is the third installment in our “*Easel-y Heard*”- *From Easel to Ear* series where we will feature a piece of art by congregation member Mike Moyers and “hear” it as it is interpreted musically during the offertory music.

*Abstract art can be a powerful way to meditate on the mysteries of faith. This piece explores Christ's proclamation: “I am the way and the truth and the life.”*

*The most recognizable element in the painting is a winding orange pathway. Like a nature trail, it meanders through areas of darkness and light. Journeying along “the way” can be both joyful and uncertain, marked by moments of confidence as well as mystery. The dark shape in the composition also loosely resembles a human figure. The path intersecting this figure symbolizes the mystery that “the way” is living life in the person of Jesus Christ himself.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, not because we are wise enough to have found our way here, but because God keeps calling us out of our small certainties into a larger life.

**We come into the story of a God who builds not with pride but with grace, not with rivalry but with love.**

We gather as those who are learning that your wisdom does not always look like ours. Your wisdom looks like a cross, mercy, and a belonging that cannot be earned or owned.

**So, we come. We come to you as people who have compared ourselves to you and others and found it exhausting. We come to you hoping to build our lives on what lasts.**

For our God calls us not to be the smartest in the room, but to be the faithful in the field, the living stones in the building, and the quiet signs of a wisdom the world calls foolish. God calls this foolishness love.

**Let us worship the One who gathers all things together, and makes even us wonderfully, strangely, God's own.**

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

**\*HYMN 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we confess how easily we divide ourselves into camps, preferences, and loyalties. We divide ourselves as if we belonged to anyone but you. We say, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," and forget that you have already claimed us all. Forgive us for mistaking pride for wisdom, and for preferring what looks strong over what is truly true. Forgive us for building lives that impress us but do not always reflect your love. Make us willing to be your "foolish" people, who are open-handed, teachable, and free. Teach us to trust Christ's wisdom, which looks like foolishness to the world.**

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 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**

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.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p.926)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*God’s Own Fools*

Eddie Bellis

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN FAVORITE**

**\*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 – A musical interpretation of “I Am the Way.”**

In this small Praeludium for organ by J. S. Bach, one can read the long note values (often sustained pedal points) as the Divine, and the more active figuration as humanity’s search for “the Way.”

**\*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 321**

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist

Adam Troxler, Instrumentalist

Francelia Downey, Liturgist; Charlie Stevens, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois Stewart, on what would have been her 100th birthday on June 24, by Gloria and Terry Blount & Family.*

**PRAYER LIST**

**New:**

Jane Plumley

Kim Lewis

John and Ruthie Moulton's friends, Horesch family

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

**Deaths:**

Caleb Lillard, June 22

Martin McGirt, June 20

Christi Granstaff's brother, Michael Granstaff, June 16

Roger Fender's mother, Margaret Fender, June 11

**Members:**

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

**In Memory:**

Bill Beavers      June 30, 2019

Anne Snow      July 3, 2019

Stan Sellers      July 1, 1996

Carol Braswell      July 4, 2007

Alex Quintana      July 3, 2019

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.  
**Musical Guest Today** – Adam Troxler, instrumentalist

**FINAL 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 **TODAY**.

***Breaking the Silence: Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Healing Tools*** - Women of Williamson (WOW) will host a free public forum on depression and suicide this Tuesday, June 30 6-8PM. Held in conjunction with The Refuge Center for Counseling, the panel discussion will take place in Otey Hall at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in downtown Franklin. More information on the FPC website.

**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.

**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.

**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:** It is time to make a commitment. Who wants to join us? Enjoy a meaningful weekend of worship, fellowship, rest, shopping, and keynote speaker **Kristin Kobes Du Mez**. 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  
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Tammy Love  
Starr Nolan  
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Sarah Fox  
Martha Johnson  
Jim Petersen

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Rick Blackburn  
Rich Crim  
Tony Inglis  
Rachael Stanfill

THE CHURCH STAFF

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor  
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Catherine Olson, Dir. of Operations

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Linda Cairatti, Nursery Staff

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