



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
JUNE 7, 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

Alana Griffith, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in, come in. Leave your shopping lists and your worries at the door if you can. If you cannot, bring them with you. God has seen heavier burdens than these.

We will come as we are. We will bring our doubts tucked beside faith, our joy mixed with grief, and our questions we do not say out loud in Sunday school.

We gather here because something holy keeps calling to us. A voice older than the mountains and nearer than our own breathing keeps whispering, "Beloved, come closer."

So come closer. Come to sing if you feel like singing. Come to listen if your soul is tired. Come to pray even if your prayers feel small and ragged around the edges.

The God who called light out of darkness is still creating new things among us. Together, let us pray.

The Christ, who gathered strangers and friends around one table, is still setting places for us. The Spirit, who will not sit still, is already moving through this room like wind through an open window. May we worship God, not because we have everything figured out, but because God's grace gathered us here, and that is miracle enough.

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

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we would like to confess our sins this morning, with brief, quick, and little eye contact. We would prefer a little dusting around the edges instead of turning over the furniture of our hearts. But your Spirit has a way of opening windows we have nailed shut.

You call us saints, like Paul called the Corinthians saints, which feels both lovely and suspicious. Because we know ourselves, we struggle with that word. We know how quickly we lose patience in the grocery line, how easily we confuse being right with being righteous, how often we save our sharpest words for people we love the most.

So, forgive us, merciful God. Dust us off and breathe into us again. Teach us how to live as people who belong to Christ. We are not a polished people nor a perfect people, but we are a people who trust your grace enough to tell the truth about ourselves and still come to the table hungry for 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.

*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

Anne Keener

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 or sign up online on the FPC events page.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pg.926)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sanctified in the Mess

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ, our living Lord, as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as Jesus did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

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

Alana Griffith

***DOXOLOGY 606**

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.

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

Alana Griffith

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
(VERSES One, Two, Four, and Five)

ST. THOMAS

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Alana Griffith, pianist
Sue Mahurin, Liturgist
Elizabeth Fox, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles W. Mays,
father of Verna Rydlund and husband of Helga Mays.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Eddie Bellis' uncle Ernie
Carolyn Hayes' daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Gary Rainford
John and Ruthie Moulton's great-granddaughter, Amyah Bell
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

Deaths:

Paula Starace's mother, May 16
Missy McKeand's brother, Bill Herbert, May 15

Members:

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

In Memory:

Jean Lessley June 10, 1995
Walter Sowell June 10, 2001

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in Worship – “Easel-y Heard”—From Easel to Ear Beginning on June 14, we will both feature 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 Alana Griffith, piano.

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 Kaitlyn Bennorth after services **TODAY**. Each session is stand-alone, and no prior attendance is required.

Juneteenth Celebration: Join us at Franklin Bicentennial Park for this annual celebration on Friday, June 19, 11 AM-5 PM. This event is open to the public and commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Music, food, games, and African American cultural activities are part of the celebration. FPC will have a tent to support the event, provide drinks, share info about the church, and get to know some of our neighbors. We are looking for volunteers for tent shifts and for people to provide cakes for the Cakewalk. Contact Verna Rydlund to learn more.

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 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: During June, we will partner with The Big Backpack Giveaway, which will be distributing 1,500 backpacks in July, so that every child will start the school year feeling prepared, confident, and full of hope. Supplies needed: Wide-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper, College-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper, Wide-ruled spiral notebook, Index cards, Crayons. Drop off in the cart located in the Narthex.

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!

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

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).

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
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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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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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