



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 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 *Arise and Walk* is the sixth 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.

This painting explores the mystery of healing. In the fifth chapter of John’s Gospel, Jesus heals a disabled man with a simple command:

“Stand up, take your mat, and walk.”

This abstract work loosely depicts the man in the moment of his healing. As he rises to his feet and takes his first unsteady steps, his tattered clothing and the burden of the mat on his shoulders begin to transform. They grow lighter, lifting away like morning fog dissolving in the sunlight.

When Jesus heals, he makes people completely whole—not only in body, but also in spirit, in their emotional well-being, and in their place within the community. This painting imagines that fuller restoration, exploring the unseen healing taking place beyond the man’s physical recovery.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, why have we come?

We have come because God has called us.

God does not call us into comfort, but into grace. God does not call us to protect ourselves, but to belong to Jesus Christ.

We have come to hear the good news of the gospel again.

Paul declared, "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" He reminds us that the gospel is not a possession to be guarded, but a gift to be shared. The gospel is the story of God's love breaking into the world through Jesus Christ.

We have come to be claimed by that story once more.

In Christ, barriers are crossed, strangers become neighbors, and those who were far off are drawn near. The gospel sends us into the world not asking, "How can others become like us?" but "How can we bear Christ's love to them?"

We have come to be formed into servants of that love.

So, we come and worship the God who, in Jesus Christ, became one of us that we might belong to God.

We come to worship the One who sends us into the world with good news for all people.

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

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy upon us. Strip away what cannot last. Burn away what is proud, fragile, and false, and by your Spirit, rebuild us on the only foundation that holds. Make of us a people whose labor is not anxiety but love, not competition but communion, not building our own names but bearing the name of Jesus Christ. For we are your field, your building, and your work.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe in 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

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (p.931)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Are You Going to Do With My World?

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN FAVORITE**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Second Helvetic Confession)

The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world. They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship with all good things. Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit; They worship but one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected, and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.

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 “Arise and Walk.”

This transcription of a work by Handel opens with a solo figuration that reoccurs throughout the piece, a “musical verb” saying “ARISE!” A descending, predictable pedal line provides a “walking” base line and propels the work forward, calling us to “walk.”

***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 826**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist

Sue Mahurin, Liturgist; Ben Costa, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Erik Lund's sister, Carol Ann Prox and
Ginny Lund's parents, Herb & Jean Raynes.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Lillard Family

Erik Lund

Sandra Fields' niece and family, Deirdre Young

Karen Hanson's daughter-in-law, Anne Hanson

Pam and Kevin Asa's son-in-law, Corey Springer

Members:

Ann Brown

Barbara Crunk

Carolyn Hayes

Kim Lewis

Anne Osborne

Jane Plumley

In Memory:

Priscilla Duarte

July 23, 2025

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.

Join us for the Summer Potluck today after Worship.

Battery Recycling: You can now recycle household batteries at FPC! Bring your used batteries (excluding lithium-ion) and deposit them in the white bucket in front of the mission board in Wilson Hall.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Children’s Worship Leader – Needed July 26 and Aug. 16, 23 & 30 during the sermon. Contact Sam Belcher (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: During July, we’re collecting items for the Mountain T.O.P. Fall Festival, including new work boots (adult sizes 10–12), new athletic shoes (youth through adult sizes), and new or gently used winter hats and gloves for children and adults. You can also support our year-round collection for the GraceWorks Food Pantry. Drop off items in the cart in the Narthex.

FISH Event: Volunteer **Tuesday, July 28**, from 10:00 AM–Noon at the Williamson County Animal Shelter. We will help prepare supplies, assemble care packages, and assist with shelter projects. We’d love to have you join us!

Stands for Smiles: Support the children of our congregation as they host a lemonade stand following worship **Sunday, August 2** in support of the Jiselle Lauren Foundation.

Blessings of the Backpacks will take place during the Worship Service **August 9**.

Sundaes on Sunday is a time to kick-off the new school year and FPC ministries and classes. Come and make your own ice cream Sundae on Sunday, August 9 following Worship.

Rally Day is Sunday, August 23! All ages are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 9 AM to Kickoff the Christian Education year and learn about our Sunday School offerings. In worship that day, we will present our upper elementary students with a Deep Blue Kids’ Bible, so if you have a kid (rising 3rd grade through 5th grade) who hasn’t received that Bible and would like to, please email Sam Belcher at sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org.

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

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Leanne Hoeffler
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Sarah Fox
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THE CHURCH STAFF

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Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator
Linda Cairatti, Nursery Staff

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