



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 20, 2025

*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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus gives us eternal life.

**Jesus promises that we will be his forever.**

Friends, believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Together let us lift our voices in prayer.

**God beyond and within all time and place, blessing and glory and power and might be given to you.**

**We rejoice in the hope of peace beyond all trouble and pain and of plenty beyond hunger and thirst. We praise the tenderness with which you wipe every tear from the eyes of those who have come through great trouble. We lift up our prayers of thanksgiving for your gentleness found in Jesus Christ.**

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

### \*HYMN 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*(This hymn is taken from the summer congregational favorites list.)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, grant us in this time of confession, a lowly heart which is the only temple that can receive you. Forgive us for the presumption that prides itself on a knowledge which is not ours. Save us also from the hypocrisy that behaves as if we are ignorant of the truth made clear in Christ, the pages of Scripture, and your Spirit at work in our hearts. Save us from denying by our deeds the name you have given us to wear, and from despising the image of yourself you have formed us to bear.**

### 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

**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, 5, K) info on back of bulletin.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (Pew Bible, p. 999)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Tears Are Our Liquid Prayers*

Eddie Bellis

### RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### \*HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

CORONATION

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Declaration of Faith 10:1-31 P.C.U.S. 1977*

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept (God's) promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.**

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.**

**This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

All things will be renewed in Christ.

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation (God) has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come.**

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

**But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. (Everything) will be made new.**

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.**

**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 to 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**

**\*DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 238**

*Thine is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*(This hymn is taken from the congregational summer hymn favorites list.)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

### **LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and  
in celebration of John & Sarah Korab's wedding anniversary  
by Sam, Adam & Lauren, Echo, and Emily Korab.*

### **PRAYER LIST**

#### **New:**

Priscilla Duarte  
Rhonda Moyers' sister, Beverly Kirk  
Tim and Leah Stein's friend, Todd Smith

#### **Births/Adoptions:**

Marley Marie-Phillips Stubner, daughter of Morgan and Jackson Stubner, June 25  
granddaughter of Ken and Ann Zander  
Liam Springer, son of Megan and Corey Springer, June 5  
grandson of Kevin and Pam Asa

#### **Members:**

Ted Bechtel  
Barbara Crunk  
Vickie Ellis  
Dianne Green  
Anne Osborne  
Tom Wilson

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

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Music in Worship: Carillon/Chancel Choirs**—Rehearsals resume NEXT month, on **WED, AUG 20**, and we are always interested in having new folks join us. **NEXT Sunday's Musical Guest**—The Fox and Jones Families (handbell quartet)

**Domestic Mission Trip Oct 23-26:** We are partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in Coalmont, TN, to improve the substandard housing reality in their community. No construction experience necessary. Registration is \$50. **Sign up online by this Friday, July 25.** For more info, contact Mike Anderson at [mja2649@aol.com](mailto:mja2649@aol.com) or (615) 969-1515.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session calls a **congregation meeting** following the 10:15 AM Worship Service **next Sunday, July 27** to elect elders for the 2028 Class. This meeting will precede the potluck meal.

**Summer Potluck:** Come for food and fellowship **NEXT Sunday, July 27** following the Worship Service. Bring a dish to share.

**Montreat Women's Connection Keynote Tickets:** Tickets are now on sale for the Saturday evening keynote event at the Women's Montreat Connection Aug 8 -10. Purchase your tickets online at [Montreat.org/ajlevine](http://Montreat.org/ajlevine). (This link does not work on phones/ipads. You must use a computer.) Haven't signed up yet? We still have room in our rented houses for more friends to join! Please reach out to Martha Johnson or Diane Fender today to learn more about joining the FPC group August 8 - 10.

**Worship flowers** add to our service by reminding us of God's creation and are later made into smaller arrangements delivered to members as a reminder of God's love and their church family. You may pay online or by check (memo: worship flowers); the cost is \$85. Upcoming available dates: Aug. 17 & 31, Sep. 21, Oct. 26, & Nov. 23.

**GraceWorks Collection:** In **JULY** we are continuing collecting Family size cereal, Boxed meals, Canned goods, Pasta/Rice, Shampoo/Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, and Diapers to share with our neighbors. Donated items can be placed in the basic essentials cart, now in the Narthex. Government spending has been cut dramatically, and donations are down, please donate today! THANK YOU to all who have donated. We have collected 279 lbs. so far!

**FISH Mission Event:** Join us for a family-friendly mission morning at 9 AM in Wilson Hall on **August 2**. We will assemble School Kits which support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**Adults 55+ Summer Dinners:** Come and fellowship every Wednesday at 5 PM now through August 20 at the Franklin Chop House.

**Children's Ministry Coordinator:** We are now hiring a part-time children's ministry coordinator. Please help us spread the word about this new position.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** We invite all who are attending or working in schools this year to bring a Backpack to receive a blessing from the congregation on **Aug. 10**.

**Rally Day is Sunday, August 17!** 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' Wonder Bible, so if you have a kid (rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) who hasn't received that Bible and would like to, please email Sam Belcher at [sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org).

**Summer Wonder Hour/Sunday School:**

Children: Room 209, Crafting Faith

Youth: Room 117/118, Sermon on the Mount

Adults: Room 211, (Barr), the Book of Revelation

Use the QR code to visit Upcoming Events/Registrations.



***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 requiring assistance or accommodation for any church activity, please 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 3 years old through kindergarten in Room 101 following the Time with the Young Church, and those attending will be returned to the sanctuary before the end of the service. For accommodations and more information please contact the coordinator, Katie Oldham, ([k.oldham1994@gmail.com](mailto:k.oldham1994@gmail.com)).

**Prayer requests** to convey concerns or celebrations may be shared with Anne Keener ([akeener@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:akeener@fpcfranklin.org)).

#### THE SESSION

##### Class of 2025

Jason Coleman  
Marti Downey  
Christine Grisham  
Jim Mahurin  
Verna Rydlund

##### Class of 2026

Leanne Hoeffler  
John Korab  
Tammy Love  
Starr Nolan  
Phillip Otts

##### Class of 2027

Martha Johnson  
Jim Petersen  
Dan Crunk  
Greg Bennorth  
Sarah Fox

#### 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  
Katie Oldham, Children's Worship  
John Michael Vailes, Sexton

*First Presbyterian Church, Franklin is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a member of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, the Synod of Living Waters, and the General Assembly of the PC(USA).*

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