



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 27, 2025

*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.*

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "*Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*"

Lord, as we ask,

**allow our hearts to receive.**

As we search,

**let us find you.**

As we knock,

**open the door for us.**

Let us know you,

**so we may praise you and love you and serve you.**

Together let us lift our voices in prayer.

**Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, fill us with your mercy and your grace.**

**With you to rule and guide us, may we use the good things of this present life to draw us closer to  
you and participate in your work in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship!

\*HYMN 396

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ.

### 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

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

Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible, p. 845)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*When You Pray*

Anne Keener

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN 728

*Somebody's Knocking*

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING

**\*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.  
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**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 694**

*Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

*(This hymn is sung to the hymn tune associated with The Church's One Foundation.)*

**\*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  
Clarke Oldham, Liturgist  
Lynlee Nichols, Acolyte

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

## PRAYER LIST

### **New:**

Rhonda Moyers' sister, Beverly Kirk  
Meg Ambrosion's uncle Ralph Hunnicutt's family

### **Deaths:**

Priscilla Duarte, July 23  
Randy Gottlieb's stepfather, Tom Lindauer, July 21

### **Births/Adoptions:**

Cooper Jeffery Wawrzyniak, son of Marti and Jake Wawrzyniak, July 13  
grandson of Jim and Karen Sumrall  
Marley Marie-Phillips Stubner, daughter of Morgan & 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

### **In Memory:**

Ed Woodard August 2, 2005

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting:** We will have a called congregational meeting **TODAY** following worship and prior to the potluck to elect elders for the class of 2028. The nominating committee is presenting the following slate of elders: Judi Arnold, Rick Blackburn, Rich Crim, Tony Inglis, and Rachael Stanfill.

**Music in Worship: Handbell “Petty Zoo”**—Today, immediately following worship and before the potluck, come to the handbell tables in the front of the sanctuary and help us “tame” these wild beasts. Try them on for size and consider joining the Carillon Handbell Choir this fall! **Mid-week Rehearsals—Resuming in August!** WED, August 20: *Carillon Handbells* (5:00 PM) and *Chancel Choir* (6:45 PM) **Offertory Music**—Special thanks to both the Fox and Jones families for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

**Summer Potluck: TODAY** following the Worship Service!

**Montreat Women’s Connection:** Tickets are now on sale for Amy-Jill Levine’s Saturday evening keynote at the Montreat Women's Connection. Haven't signed up yet? We still have room in our rented houses for more friends! Reach out to Martha Johnson or Diane Fender today to learn more about joining the FPC group Aug. 8-10.

**Worship flowers-** Would you like to donate the worship flowers in memory or honor of someone? The cost is \$85, and you may pay online or by check (memo: worship flowers.) 2025 available dates: Aug. 17, Sep. 21, Oct. 26, & Nov. 23.

**GraceWorks Collection:** In **JULY** we are continuing collecting 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:** Join the fun 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 will be attending or working in schools this year to bring your Backpack to worship on **Aug. 10** as we will be offering a blessing from the congregation for the coming school year.

**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

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