



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 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

BELL PEAL / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe that the Kingdom of God is now and not yet.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Jesus calls us to live informed by the past, active in the present, and hopeful for the future.

May we not delay or ignore the call to love our neighbor.

Together let us lift our voices in prayer.

God who transcends time, we thank you for your faithful witness across the ages. Jesus's life, death, and resurrection give us hope for a glorious future and provide guidance for our work in the here and now. Give us strength and courage for the work you've entrusted to us. Amen.

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

*HYMN 403

*Open Now
Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope and promise, we admit that our faith falters. We acknowledge that busyness and grievances distract us from keeping our eyes on you. Pardon us when we lose sight of your kingdom. Guide us back to harmonious relationships with you and each other. Let us be ready and willing to do your will. Amen.

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

Sam Belcher

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 12:35-48 (Pew Bible, p. 847)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Those who are Entrusted

Sam Belcher

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 720**

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

***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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STORIES OF BELONGING

Mission

Lashlee Webb

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 741

Guide My Feet

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children, Youth, and Educators of all ages are invited to come forward.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Kate Ward, Guest Organist
Clarke Oldham, Liturgist
Isla England, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of my brother, Rodger Minner, by Janice Eddlemon.*

*The rosebuds are in honor of the births of Ava Koeppen and Eleanor Koeppen,
daughters of FPC member, Lauren Christman.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Bob Kopjoe
Jaclyn Tarkington
Harriett and David Sawyer's granddaughter, Annelise Allen

Deaths:

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

Births/Adoptions:

Ava Koeppen, daughter of Lauren Christman and John Koeppen, July 2
Eleanor Koeppen, daughter of Lauren Christman and John Koeppen, July 2
Cooper Jeffery Wawrzyniak, son of Marti and Jake Wawrzyniak, July 13
grandson of Jim and Karen Sumrall

Members:

Ted Bechtel
Barbara Crunk
Vickie Ellis
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:

Jim Weldon August 14, 2013
Charles Keily August 15, 2011
Marc Lively August 15, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thank you to our Guest Organist, Kate Ward, for blessing us with her musical gifts this morning.

Children Ministry Update: Our children's care is important to us at First Presbyterian, and starting in September we will experience some changes. If your child is between the ages Pre-K through 5th Grade and is involved in our Sunday morning offerings, Sam Belcher and Eddie Bellis will provide a thirty-minute update and seek feedback **TODAY** starting at **11:30 AM** in Wilson Hall. Childcare will be provided.

Christian Education Leader Training: We invite all volunteers and teachers working with minors to attend this important and mandatory safety and policy training on **August 13** at 6 PM in Wilson Hall. Those who cannot attend will need to be refreshed on this information at a later date.

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' 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.

Sundaes on Sunday: Make your own Sundae following the worship service **Sunday, August 17** to celebrate the kickoff of the new school year for church ministries/classes.

Mid-week Rehearsals Resuming—WED, August 20 (TWO WEEKS): *Carillon Handbells* (5:00 PM) and *Chancel Choir* (6:45 PM).

Planning our future together! We invite you to take part in the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) starting **August 24**. This anonymous online survey will help FPC leaders understand our church's strengths, vitality, and future needs, and it is an important moment in our Pastoral Transition. Watch your email for a unique survey link. Paper copies are available in the church office or by request for home delivery. Your honest feedback is vital to shaping our bright future! Questions? Contact Eddie Bellis at ebellis@fpcfranklin.org or 239-207-8648.

Inquirer Gathering: Are you a guest wanting to learn more about FPC? Join us for our Inquirer Gathering on **Sunday, August 24**, at 9 AM in the Parlor to learn more about our congregation and get to know others better.

FPC Youth Dinner and Fundraiser: Wednesday, August 27 at 6 PM in Wilson Hall, we invite the whole congregation to come enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal, hear about the impactful trips that FPC Youth went on this summer, and consider donating to fund our efforts for the summer of 2026. Let us know you are coming by visiting the FPC event page on the website.

No Sunday School or Wonder Hour Sunday, August 31.

Join FPC Legends at the Mercy Franklin Classic! Run with us on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, in downtown Franklin for the annual Franklin Classic. Events include a 5K, 10K, 15K combo, and a 1K Kids Run. Register at The Franklin Classic website and select FPC Legends as your team. Questions? Contact Khris Downey.

Upcoming FISH Events – Save the Dates

Sept 6: Crossroads Mission Care

Sept 27: Sweet Potato & Apple Drop



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).

Prayer requests to convey concerns or celebrations may be shared with Anne Keener (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

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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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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