



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMUNION SUNDAY

AUGUST 2, 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 *Israel*, is the eighth 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.

In the 32nd chapter of Genesis, Jacob, the grandson of Abraham, wrestles through the night with a mysterious stranger. By dawn, the stranger declares that Jacob will from that day forward be known as Israel—a name that means “one who wrestles with God.”

This painting portrays Jacob’s life-changing encounter. Beneath a star-filled sky that recalls God’s covenant with Abraham, two figures are locked in a struggle that has become almost an embrace. So closely bound are they that it is difficult to tell where one body ends and the other begins. Exhausted, each leans upon the other even as they continue to wrestle.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another."

Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day when Christ, the Bread of Heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

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

***HYMN 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken; we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully, nor do we love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus, who washed his disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in the hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ.

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.

***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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Eddie Bellis

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (p.933)

SERMON

Who Belongs Here?

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN FAVORITE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith, 1977)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

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 "ISRAEL"

The title of today's artwork could be called "Struggle" as it reflects wrestling with the Divine. Similarly, today's organ work also reflects a struggle, a tonal one. It begins in minor but eventually ends in the relative major key (both areas still connected by the first scale degree). This could be interpreted as an initial struggle that is eventually resolved, but with both parts now connected and in union.

*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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***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

Ryan Fox, Liturgist; Jackson Reynolds, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for school, university, and Christian Education teachers by the England family.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Martha Johnson's friends, Gordon Family

Births/Adoptions:

Brooks Anthony Pitarra, son of Caroline and Stephen Pitarra, July 9
great-grandson of Chuck and Vivian Coble

Members:

Ann Brown

Barbara Crunk

Carolyn Hayes

Kim Lewis

Lillard Family

Erik Lund

Anne Osborne

Jane Plumley

In Memory:

Jimmy Darnell August 4, 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in Worship – “Easel-y Heard”—**From Easel to Ear** continues as we feature a piece of art by congregation member Mike Moyers and “hear” it as it is interpreted musically during the morning’s offertory music. **First Rehearsals for Fall** – Carillon Handbell Choir (WED, AUG 19-5:00 PM) and Chancel Choir (WED, AUG 19-6:45 PM) **“One and Done Choir”** – (SUN, AUG 23 and 30, 9:45 AM) No Vestments – No Experience – No Problem! Interested in the Chancel Choir? Join us for an easy Sunday of music making.

The Basic Essentials Collection: During August, we're collecting donations for the DG PENCIL Box, a free school supply store for Metro Nashville Public Schools teachers. Please donate “loose leaf only” notebook paper (wide ruled, college ruled, or graph paper). Year-round donations are welcomed to support the GraceWorks Food Pantry. Place donations in the collection cart in the Narthex.

Stands for Smiles, TODAY following worship: Support the children of our congregation as they host a lemonade stand in support of the Jiselle Lauren Foundation which was founded by FPC members, Jill and Bailey Pratt.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- **Blessings of the Backpacks, August 9:** Students and teachers of all ages, bring your backpack or bag to worship as we will offer a blessing for the coming year.

- **Sundaes on Sunday, August 9,** is a fun way to kick off the new school year. Following worship, join us in Wilson Hall to make your own ice cream sundae and enjoy fellowship with your church family.

- **Summer Wonder Hour and Summer Sunday School:** Elementary students meet in Room 209 for *The Wonder of God's Creation*. Youth (middle and high school) gather in Rooms 117/118 for *The Classics*, and adults meet in Barr Conf. Room for *1 Corinthians: Then and Now*. August 9 is the final Summer Class!

FISH Event, August 15: Help assemble school supply kits for PDA *Gifts of the Heart* and seed bags for the Society of St. Andrew in Wilson Hall at 9AM.

Global Mission Sunday, August 16: Join us at 9AM in Wilson Hall for an Intergenerational Sunday School led by Mark Mueller and Elizabeth Carter from The Outreach Foundation. Mark will also be our guest preacher in worship.

Mountain T.O.P. October 22–25: Join us in serving through home repair projects or the community Fall Festival. Cost: \$100 per person. **Register by August 10.** Contact Mike Anderson (mja2649@aol.com) for more information.

Rally Day is Sunday, August 23! All ages are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 9 AM to kick off the Christian Education year and learn about fall Sunday School. 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).

Red Cross Blood Drive: We are in an emergency blood shortage, and all blood types are needed. Please make your appointment today to give blood at our next FPC Blood Drive on **September 13**. redcrossblood.org or QR code and use code FPCF19

Volunteer as a Children’s Worship Leader- We are in need of an adult to lead our Children’s Worship during the sermon on August 23 & 30. Contact Sam Belcher (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

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
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Sam Belcher, Dir. of Youth Ministry
Catherine Olson, Dir. of Operations

Marie Hayman, Accountant
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Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator
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