



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 24, 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 / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who would know the freedom of God's grace come together!

Must we know all the Laws and must we be perfect in our hearts?

No! Absolutely not! Jesus fulfilled the Law, and in Christ we are perfected before God.

What if our clothes are not fine or our bodies imperfect and worn? We may be imperfect, but we are made perfect in Christ.

Through the cross, God's love came to us all! Together let us pray.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you and whose hearts are highways to your eternal dominion. A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and you withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. We shall dwell as doorkeepers in your heavenly household, to give you the honor and glory that is your due.

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

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we placed what we see as "right" above the patience and understanding that you bring to the world. In our pride, we live "by the rules" as we spread hatred and division toward those who we believe fall short of your standards. Forgive us and help us remember the mercy you freely gave to us.

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**

MEINEKE

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

Eddie Bellis

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 13:10-17 (Pew Bible, p. 848)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Let the People Rejoice

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 792**

There is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

***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 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.*

STORIES OF BELONGING

Growth Groups

Janice Eddlemon

OFFERTORY MUSIC – CHANCEL CHOIR

***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 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***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
The Chancel Choir
Bill Carver, Liturgist
Lark England, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Andy Grisham from your loving family-Christine, Parkes, Will, and Neeley.*

Correction:

The flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of Joy and Dan Crunk. We regret the mistake in our bulletin and give thanks for the Crunks' joyful milestone.

PRAYER LIST

New:

Marissa Walters

Deaths:

Hugh DuPree, August 17

Bob Kopjoe, August 12

Births/Adoptions:

Ava Koeppen, daughter of Lauren Christman and John Koeppen, July 2

Eleanor Koeppen, daughter of Lauren Christman and John Koeppen, July 2

Members:

Ted Bechtel

Barbara Crunk

Vickie Ellis

Anne Osborne

Jaclyn Tarkington

Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Elva Darby August 24, 2004

Andy Grisham August 25, 2021

Robert Sanders August 26, 1998

Bob Porter August 26, 2017

Ed Wilson August 30, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transition Team: Time to complete the **Church Assessment Tool (CAT)!**

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. Check your email today for the link to take the survey. It will take approximately 25 minutes to complete. Your honest feedback is vital to shaping our bright future! Contact Eddie Bellis at ebellis@fpcfranklin.org with questions.

Music in Worship: Mid-week Rehearsals—Join us *Wednesdays* for *Carillon Handbells* (5:00 PM) and *Chancel Choir* (6:45 PM). **Music New Member Welcome:** Kathy Garst, Starr Nolan, and Gary Patterson

FPC Youth Dinner and Fundraiser: THIS 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 next Sunday, August 31.

Growth Groups: Fall groups begin the week of September 14. Details on back of the Connection Card and choose the group that is best for you. Sign up today online or using the connection card. Registration deadline is **Sunday, August 31.**

Adults 55+ are invited to lunch on **Monday, September 8** at 11:00 AM at Serrato's Steakhouse, 3046 Columbia Ave, Suite 102, Franklin, TN 37064.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) returns on **Wednesday, September 3**

6 PM- Dinner; 6:45-7:30 PM- Adult, Youth, and Children programs

In September, Pastor Eddie will lead study on *Christian Doctrine* by Shirley Guthrie.

Crossroads Mission Care FISH Event: Saturday, September 6 join us as we serve Crossroads Mission Care in Dixon Springs, TN. Yard work, light carpentry - something for everyone. Bus is available for all to ride, leaving the church at 8 AM. Picnic lunch provided. Signup online.

Young Adult Happy Hour: September 6, 4-5:30 PM home of Jim and Anne Keener

Holy Chow! WNL Set-Up and Kitchen 101- September 7, following worship:

Join us for a fun training on the ins and outs of setting up and cleaning up for our Wednesday Night Live dinners. Whether you usually attend WNL or not, whether you have helped in this way before or not, we need you! The more people willing to serve, the more we can rotate the responsibilities. This is a fun and easy way to serve!

Red Cross: Our next blood drive is **Sunday, September 14** in Wilson Hall from 9 AM-1 PM. Be part of this lifesaving mission! Every pint counts, and you can make a difference. Schedule appointment at redcross.org and use sponsor code FPCF19.

Adults 55+: Join us on **Monday, September 15** at 11:00 AM in the Barr Conference Room for an informal discussion of books we've read recently and a fun book swap—bring a few books to trade! No signup is needed; just come with your bag lunch. Drinks and cookies will be provided.

Music Commissioning Sunday: Join us **Sunday, September 21** during Common Grounds (9:45 AM – 10:15 AM) in Wilson Hall to enjoy food provided by the choir and to learn more about our musical offerings.

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates

Sept 27: Sweet Potato & Apple Drop

Oct 4-5: NaCoMe Senior Adult Retreat-Sign up online



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 4 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 Director of Youth Ministries, Sam Belcher (sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org).

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

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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