



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
AUGUST 3, 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 BELLS / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the voices of our supplication, O God, as we cry to you for help, as we lift our hands to your most holy sanctuary.

You are our strength and shield, O God; in you our hearts trust; with our songs we give you thanks.

May our hearts be joined in praise for God's love. Together let us pray.

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match. You pour out mercy and cover us with love. You show us true justice and offer us peace. You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you. In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance. Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you.

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

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes

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(Selected from the summer congregational hymn favorites list.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us. Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe in the Good News.

In the name of 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**

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.**

PROCLAIMING 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 12:13-21 (Pew Bible, page 847)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Theology of Enough

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 634**

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE

THE GLORY

(Selected from the summer congregational hymn favorites list.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Declaration of Faith 9(4) PC(USA) 1991**

Christ calls us to live for our neighbors.

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

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OFFERTORY MUSIC—HANDBELL DUET

*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.

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 sings 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 450

*Be Thou My Vision
(Selected from summer congregational hymn favorites.)*

SLANE

***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
Sue Mahurin, Liturgist
Sadie Lahey, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Bob Boyce on his 96th birthday from the Boyce children.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Bob Kopjoe
Jaclyn Tarkington
Harriett and David Sawyer's granddaughter, Annelise Allen
Meg Ambrosion's uncle Ralph Hunnicutt's family
Rhonda Moyers' sister, Beverly Kirk

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

Members:

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

In Memory:

Jimmy Darnell August 4, 2008
Jerry (JR) Russell August 9, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children Ministry Update: Our children's care is important to us at First Presbyterian, and starting in September we will experiences 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 on Sunday, August 10 starting at 11:30 AM in Wilson Hall. Childcare will be provided.

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.

Music in Worship: Handbell Petting Zoo—If you have ever wanted to ring a handbell, join us at the table immediately after worship and help us “tame the beast.” **Mid-week Rehearsals Resuming**—WED, August 20 (TWO WEEKS): *Carillon Handbells* (5:00 PM) and *Chancel Choir* (6:45 PM) **Offertory Music**—Special thanks to Sara Hinds and Nancy Neal for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

GraceWorks Collection: In **AUGUST** 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.

Adults 55+ Summer Dinners: Come and fellowship every Wednesday at 5 PM now through August 20 at the Franklin Chop House. There is one more month of fun!

Adults 55+ Planning Team: Are you interested in joining the Adult 55+ planning team? If so, please join us for a brief meeting **after worship TODAY** in the Parlor.

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.

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' Wonder 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.

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.

Final Summer Wonder Hour/Sunday School next Sunday, August 10.

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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