



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 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 *It is Well with My Soul*, is the final installment in our “Easel-y Heard”- *From Easel to Ear* series.

Exploring themes of peace amid suffering, this painting is an abstract impression inspired by the hymn “When Peace Like a River” by Horatio G. Spafford.

*"When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, 'it is well, it is well with my soul.'*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who would hear God's call enter God's house this day!

We are unclean; we sin and stray from the ways of God.

Even Paul, who persecuted the church, received God's loving call.

So, we also have hope in the risen Christ of the Scriptures.

Each one who will repent and live for Christ will be saved. Together, let us pray.

God of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel, you led a people on a journey; they became a great nation. You named your servant Israel, for you would dwell in their midst. You are God Almighty and worthy of worship as we assemble to praise you. Be among us as we honor and adore you.

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

*HYMN 246

Christ is Alive!
(VERSES One, Two, Four, and Five)

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION / PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose power is stronger than death and whose promise reaches beyond the grave, we come before you, confessing that we live as though death has the final word. We confess that we have sown seeds of fear instead of faith, seeds of division instead of reconciliation, seeds of bitterness instead of love. We are content with what is perishable when you call us to seek what is imperishable.

Forgive us, O Lord, for bowing before the idols of comfort, security, and power. Awaken your church. Stir us from complacency. Give us the courage to stand against every force that diminishes your children and every power that denies the dignity you have placed within every human life. Make us steadfast and immovable in the work of justice, mercy, and reconciliation, knowing that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe in 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**

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.

***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 to K) information is on the back of the bulletin.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cory Ray Costacamps, son of Kevin Costacamps and Sydney Simmons

Presenting Elder: Tammy Love

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in this ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-58 (p.936)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Therefore

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

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.**

STORIES OF BELONGING

Growth Groups

Brent Sower

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 "It Is Well"

During the offertory you are invited to reflect on the words of the
It Is Well with My Soul (page 840 in your hymnal).

*DOXOLOGY

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised
(VERSES One, Two, and Four)

ENGELBERG

*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

The Chancel Choir – Adam Troxler, Instrumentalist

Francelia Downey, Liturgist; Elise Lasseter, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Sarah Garst, David's mother, by the Garst family.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Joe Duarte

Karen Hanson

Namaste Anderson's friends, the Frazier family

Clata Miller's grandson, Aether Fisher-Miller

Sam Belcher's friends, Keith, Paden, and Copeland Brown

Anne Osborne's family, the Stacy family

Leah Stein's mother, Mary Rosswog and friend, Mindy Dawson

Tim Stein's sister, Kristina Stein and family

Deaths:

Steve Gillum's mother, Margaret Jean Gillum, July 25

Members:

Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Marilyn Doering, Carolyn Hayes, Kim Lewis,

Lillard Family, Erik Lund, Anne Osborne, and Jane Plumley

In Memory:

Ed Wilson August 30, 2020

Ginger Watson August 31, 2024

Bill Minshall September 1, 2020

Janice Lewis September 3, 2017

Sidney Frazer September 4, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in Worship – “Easel-y Heard”—From Easel to Ear concludes today. **THIS WEEK: Rehearsals for Fall** – Carillon Handbell Choir (WED, -5:00 PM) and Chancel Choir (WED, -6:45 PM)

The Basic Essentials Collection: During September, we are collecting items for the Williamson County Homeless Alliance Day Center which provides facilities for bathing, laundry, and respite for those who are without homes. Items needed are laundry detergent pods, family size liquid bath soap, and new bath towels & wash cloths. Year-round donations are welcomed to support the GraceWorks Food Pantry. Place donations in the collection cart in the Narthex.

Growth Groups: Details are on the back of the Connection Card, registration is open until Sept. 13, and groups begin the week of Sept. 27. Which group works for you?

FPC Youth Dinner and Fundraiser This Wednesday, September 2: We invite the congregation to come enjoy a delicious meal, hear about the impactful trips that FPC Youth went on this summer, and consider donating to fund our efforts for the summer of 2027. Sign up on the FPC events page.

Adults 55+: Thursday, **September 3**, join us at 9 AM in Barr for a meeting of the Intentional Older Adult Ministry Network where a guest speaker from Age Well will be presenting about Dementia and Alzheimer's. No signup needed.

Mercy Franklin Classic, Labor Day, September 7: Join the FPC Legends team and register at FranklinClassic.org. Questions? Contact Tony Inglis tony@inglis.me.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) begins September 9 with a New Season of programs and a New Caterer- FPC's own Eric England with Seasoned Smoke! We begin with a Mission Fiesta. Join us for an interactive evening of mission, conversation, and connection. Learn about FPC partners locally, nationally, and globally and discover ways to get

involved. Explore mission displays at 5:40 PM, dinner at 6 PM, and more about mission after dinner. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

Rise Against Hunger: Join us **Saturday, September 12**, 9 AM-11 AM in Wilson Hall as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to package nutritious meals for families facing food insecurity around the world. We need 80 volunteers, and all ages and abilities are welcome! Sign up online.

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

Inquirer Gathering, September 13: Are you a guest wanting to learn more about FPC? Join us at 9 AM in the Parlor. Email Anne Keener akeener@fpcfranklin.org.

Adults 55+: Monday, **September 14:** Come for fun, fellowship, and lunch at Serrato's Steakhouse (3046 Columbia Ave, #102) at 11 AM! No signup needed.

Sweet Potato Drop: Join us Saturday, **September 19** at the Sensory Garden for the Blind (6759 Manley Lane) from 8 AM – Noon in Brentwood to pack sweet potatoes for food banks in Middle TN. Stay the whole time or just an hour. All ages welcome!

Pavilion Picnic, Sunday September 20 at 4:30 PM: Join us for a church picnic at the Pavilion! FPC will provide fried chicken and drinks. Members are invited to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. Come enjoy good food and fellowship together!

Exploration Sunday School: Join us for our new book, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton.

Use the QR code to visit the Events 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
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

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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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