



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 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 *The Word Made Flesh; God Poured Out*, is the ninth installment in our “Easel-y Heard”- *From Easel to Ear* series where we feature a piece of art by congregation member Mike Moyers and “hear” it as it is interpreted musically during the offertory music.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” – John 1:1,14

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-8

This was an image created for our Advent season back in 2014. The artwork explores the mystery of God entering and blending with creation. It is an abstract expressing power and humility, order and chaos, light and darkness.

The incarnation is a mystery we cannot fully comprehend. As you view the painting, be open to the mystery. Let it pour over you. Allow it to stream into every part of your life. Let the Living Word overflow in your heart.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Elizabeth Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us gather today for worship, all who would worship the Lord!

Let us sing the songs of gladness, for the world was given a Savior.

We were lost, and the Good Shepherd found and redeemed us.

We were in darkness, and the Lord gave us a blessed Light.

Then let us all proclaim our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ again.

Together, let us pray.

You are our rock and our strength, O God, and in you rests our deliverance. You defend us in the midst of adversity; you protect us from ultimate harm. You humble the mighty with acts that manifest your transcendent power; the lowly you comfort with your tender embrace. We gather this day, saved by your mercy. Hear now our praises as we herald your greatness.

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

***HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us into one body through the grace of Jesus Christ, yet we confess that we live as though we belong only to ourselves. In Christ, you have not abandoned your body but continue to nourish, heal, and restore it. By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, renew us, and bind us together again. Teach us to honor every member, to share one another's joys and sorrows, and to offer our varied gifts with humility and gratitude, until the life of Christ is seen in us and through us for the sake of the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is the Head of the Church and the Savior of the world.

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

Anne Keener

*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

Otto Casteel Small, son of Joanna and Zach Small
Presenting Elder: Hank McCall

***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 12:12-31a (p.933)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When the Body Sings!

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY’LL KNOW

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.
To give online, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Elizabeth Smith

*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 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (Students, teachers, and administrators)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Elizabeth Smith, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Elizabeth Smith, Substitute Organist
Clarke Oldham Liturgist; Sadie Lahey, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Bob Boyce, on what would have been his 97th birthday, by his children.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Marilyn Doering
Hunter Battle's mother, Carolyn Battle
Joe Duarte's great-granddaughter, Adelynn Armistead
Martha Johnson's friends, Gordon Family

Deaths:

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

Members:

Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Carolyn Hayes, Kim Lewis
Erik Lund, Anne Osborne, and Jane Plumley

In Memory:

Jerry (JR) Russell	August 9, 2022
Bob Kopjoe	August 12, 2025
Jim Weldon	August 14, 2013
Charles Keily	August 15, 2011
Marc Lively	August 15, 2021

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.

TODAY is Sundaes on Sunday- Following worship, join us in Wilson Hall to make your own ice cream sundae as a fun way to kick off the new school year.

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 TOMORROW**. Contact Mike Anderson (mja2649@aol.com) for more information.

THANK YOU for your generosity! Last Sunday you helped our children raise over **\$1,500** for the *Jiselle Lauren Foundation*.

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.

CE Leaders Training: We invite all volunteers and teachers working with minors to attend this important and mandatory safety and policy training on **August 19** at 6:00 PM in Wilson Hall.

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. Children will move to Barr Conference Room for final 30 minutes. Mark will also be our guest preacher in worship.

Rally Day is Sunday, August 23! Join us at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary as we kick off the Christian Education year and learn about our fall Sunday School classes. In worship, we will present 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).

Volunteer as a Children’s Worship Leader during the sermon on August 23 & 30. Contact Sam Belcher sbelcher@fpcfranklin.org.

FPC Youth Dinner and Fundraiser 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.

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 **Sept 13**. Use code FPCF19 at redcrossblood.org.

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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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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