



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 us gather today for worship in the house of the Lord!

We come together as God's family, sisters and brothers to Christ.

And we are to carry God's light into all of the world for people to see.

So others may know of Christ and the redeeming love of God.

We are promised the witness of the Holy Spirit for all who will serve. Together, let us pray.

Compassionate God, who in Christ assembled the alienated and the excluded into your arms, we give you praise for your redeeming grace. You break down dividing walls of hostility and fill us with your Spirit of reconciling love. You set our feet firmly on the foundation of your goodness and impart to us wisdom that enlightens our days. You are God, who indeed promises new life to all.

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

*HYMN 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we live our lives as if we forget you call us "Your children." We act as if we own the birthright and promise, but we are adopted daughters and sons in your kingdom. Help us always to remember that it is because of your grace and mercy that we are included in your family. As we step out into the world, help us not forget to treat others as your children. May we always be witnesses and extensions of your love and peace. Forgive us and empower us through the Holy Spirit to stand firmly for you and your promises.

SILENT CONFESSION / CHORAL VERSE

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

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.*

CHORAL VERSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25 (Pew Bible, p. 919)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Called You by Name

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, winning the victory over sin and death for all.

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.

STORIES OF BELONGING

NaCoMe Women's Retreat

Namaste Anderson

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

Chancel Choir

*"Just as I am,
thy love has broken every barrier down..."*

***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 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist
Chancel Choir
Sue Mahurin, Liturgist
Lynlee Nichols, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of our parents' anniversary from the Boyce children.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Cathie Davidson's great grandson, James Davidson
Sandra Fields' family, Patrick Young and family
Sandra Fields' friend, Barbara Bateman and family
Barbara Heerman's friend, Anne Veevers
Leanne Hoeffler's friend, Faye Novelty

Death:

Kate Devaney's brother, Stephen Devaney, September 7

Members:

Ted Bechtel
Barbara Crunk
Vickie Ellis
Anne Osborne
Jaclyn Tarkington
Marissa Walters
Tom Wilson

Assisted Living/Homebound:

Derrell and Tee Billingsley- home
Ann Brown- Vitality
Joan Hetherington- home
Marilyn Miller- The Heritage
Nancy Morris- Somerby
Opal Plumley- The Heritage
Jane Stafford- Willow Springs, Spring Hill
Betty Willoughby- home

In Memory:

Margaret Minke	September 16, 2011
Eulalie Jefferson	September 18, 2006
Ruth Molitor	September 19, 2004

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC NaCoMe Women's Retreat: November 14-16 – *Prayerful Meditation* – Join us for a time of community and quiet. Over the course of Saturday, we will be guided through three prayer times by Spiritual Director Shannon Truss. Our time will focus on the generosity and love of God as seen in scripture, poetry, and art. Prayer materials will be provided, and introductory sessions will be held for each prayer time. We invite you to come ready to receive from our God, who longs to give to you generously. **Questions?** Contact Katie England, Namaste Anderson, or Diane Fender.

Visitation Ministry Info/Orientation: TODAY after worship in the Parlor or **Wednesday** before WNL- 5:15 PM: Come learn about serving once a month in this important ministry. Contact Karen Hanson (klhanson46@gmail.com) with questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive: TODAY in Wilson Hall from 9 AM-1 PM. Be part of this lifesaving mission! Every pint counts, and you can make a difference. Schedule an appointment at www.redcross.org and use the sponsor code FPCF19.

CAT survey deadline extended to this Wednesday, September 17, at midnight. Look at the 9/12 Friday email for the survey link. Everyone over 13 should complete. We want you input! Contact Eddie Bellis in the church office with any questions.

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

Wednesday Night Live (WNL): 6 PM- Dinner; 6:45-7:30 PM- Adult, Youth, and Children programs. Sign up on the FPC website or the Connection Card today. In September, Pastor Eddie will lead a study on *Christian Doctrine* by Shirley Guthrie.

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.

Dinner for 8, September 20 6-8 PM: Sign up deadline is **TODAY!** This is a great way to get to know other members in a small group setting and share a meal in members' homes, dinner provided. All signups are online so you can share which parts of town work best. Come join the fun!

Music Commissioning Sunday: Join us **next 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.

FISH Event: Join us **Saturday, September 27**, for a Sweet Potato & Apple Drop in partnership with the Lions Club. Meet at the Sensory Garden for the Blind, located next to Grassland Elementary, at 8:00 AM.

Adults 55+: Join us for lunch at 11 AM **Tuesday, October 14**, at Carrabba's in Cool Springs and **Monday, November 17**, at the Franklin Chop House. No need to sign up. Just show up!

Fall Festival: We are looking forward to our annual Fall Festival in partnership with the Hard Bargain Association on **Saturday, October 18**. We will begin at 4:30 PM with Trunk or Treat, followed by a BBQ dinner at 5 PM and a movie at 6 PM. Volunteers are needed to help make this wonderful community event a success! Sign up on the FPC website and contact Verna Rydlund with any questions.

Use the QR code to visit the Upcoming 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 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 get in touch with 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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