



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

*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

CARILLON HANDBELL CHOIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the body of Christ and hear God calling us to the vineyard.

We come to listen and seek the path of righteousness and truth.

We come, not simply to speak our faith, but to live it.

We come to follow where Christ leads and participate in God's work.

We come, with open hearts and willing spirits.

We come filled with gratitude trusting in God's grace and faithful guidance.

With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ, you showed us that love looks not to its own interests, but to the interests of others. We lament how little we resemble you in your humility, dedication, and love. We are driven too often by ambition and conceit. Our authority rests too much on power and too little on peace. We defend our views, arguing without understanding. We speak of love but resist the sacrifices love requires.

Gracious God, you are at work in us. Fill us and shape us with your Spirit, that we may work for your pleasure, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Bow down thine ear..."

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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Sam Belcher

*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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32 (pg.802)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Right Words or Right Actions?

Anne Keener

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kelsey Kirby; Ben Martin; Tom and Sharon Richardson;

Adam and Joanna Swofford; Mike, Libby, Ivy, and Katie Watson

REAFFIRMATION 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.

QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP AND PRAYER

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Let us welcome our newest members.

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.

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

Carillon Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH (Augmented Rhythm)

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 134

Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE / HYMN REFLECTION

*RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Sam Belcher, Director of Youth Ministries
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist
The Chancel and Carillon Handbell Choirs
Bill Carver, Liturgist
Caroline Freiburg, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in memory of my parents, Bob and Mary Gilson, by Sally Wanzer.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Missy Kitchings' friends, Marcia Bittner and her mother
Cathie Davidson's grandson, Kyle Davidson
Cathie Davidson's extended family member, Joe Marchegiani
Cathie Davidson's friends, Brenda Rauls, Nancy Miller, Don & Beverly McLain
Jeff Siptak's mother, Joyce Borowiak
John and Ruthie Moulton's grandson-in-law, Matt Horner
Cathie Davidson's friend, Megan Jones
Beth Rose's sister-in-law Sharon

Deaths:

Catherine Olson's father, Jeff Appleton, September 6

Births/Adoptions:

Lydia Elaine Arch, daughter of Becca and Danny Arch, September 12
great-granddaughter of Jon Bechtel
Katherine Marie Prater, daughter of Ashley and PL Prater, September 2
granddaughter of Robin and Jeff Siptak
great-granddaughter of Tom and Sharon Richardson

Members:

Ann Brown, Barbara Crunk, Marilyn Doering, Joe Duarte, Carolyn Hayes, Karen Hanson, Kim Lewis, Lillard Family, Erik Lund, Anne Osborne

In Memory:

Trudy Peyronnin	September 27, 2014
Lois Weldon	September 29, 2021
Alma Ridley	September 30, 1995
Jake Wilson	September 30, 2022
Ian Raines	October 3, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK: Rehearsals for Fall – Carillon Handbell Choir (WED: 5:00 PM) and Chancel Choir (WED: 6:30 PM)
Note our NEW time!! Feel free to join us!!

The Basic Essentials Collection: In September, we will collect items for Williamson County Homeless Alliance Day Center, which provides facilities for bathing, laundry, and respite for those without homes. Please donate: Laundry Detergent Pods, Family-Size Liquid Bath Soap, New Bath Towels/Washcloths. Year-round donations are welcome to support the GraceWorks Food Pantry. Place donations in the collection cart in the Narthex.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL): 6 PM- Dinner; 6:45-7:30 PM- Adult, Youth, and Children programs. Meal signup deadline is each Sunday, and the suggested cost is \$10 per adult/youth, \$5 per child, \$25 family max. Sign up on the FPC website or the Connection Card. At 6:45 PM, join us as the Circle of Giving shares how it is helping strengthen Williamson County through philanthropy and community partnerships. Learn how the Carousel of Dreams, hosted at The Factory at Franklin, raises funds to support local nonprofit organizations and create meaningful opportunities for children, families, and neighbors throughout the community.

Men's Bible Study: The group is studying the Book of Job, using the Bible and MacArthur Bible Studies: Job. Join them Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM in the church parlor for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. All men are welcome!

Emergency Medical Session: Two opportunities to learn what to do before EMS arrives in situations involving basic CPR, Choking and Stop the Bleed. Facilitated by Kaitlyn Bennorth & Larry and Blair Reynolds in Barr Conference Room after services on **October 4 and November 22**. Each session covers the same 3 topics. Stay for all or part of the session.

Adults 55+ Happy Hour: Saturday, October 10 come enjoy a fun evening with the at the home of Roger & Diane Fender, 412 Blake Baskin Court, Franklin. Appetizers and drinks will be served, and this is a great opportunity for those who are still working to join us for a Saturday evening get-together. RSVP so we know how many to expect.

Honoring Pastor Eddie and Laura: Join us in Wilson Hall after worship on **Sunday, October 11**, as we thank Eddie and Laura for their faithful service and wish them well in their next call. All are welcome. Eddie's last Sunday is October 25.

W-M & ARTS Event for OCT: The Vanderbilt Trombone Ensemble—Join us on **Sunday afternoon, OCT 11 (3:00)** as Director Jeremy Wilson and the ensemble return for another afternoon of music making. A reception follows in Wilson Hall.

Fall Festival Saturday, October 24: FPC and the Hard Bargain Association are teaming up for a fun-filled Fall Festival. Bring the whole family and join us at 4:30 PM for Trunk or Treat, followed by a BBQ Dinner at 5:15 PM. We need lots of volunteers to decorate a trunk, so get creative, choose a fun theme, and help make this a memorable evening for the kids! Sign up online to decorate a trunk. Questions? Contact Verna Rydlund vrydlund@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

Crossroads Mission Care: Sat., Oct. 3. Sign up on Connection Card or online.

Trombone Ensemble, Bone Therapy: Sunday, Oct. 25 during Worship

Adults 55+: Mon., Oct. 26 @ 11 AM at Station Pizzeria for lunch

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 lifelong learning
- Creating and nurturing congregational relationships
- Transforming lives and connecting with others through service

Welcome! We warmly welcome 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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