



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 / TEACHING MOMENT: *Change My Heart, O God*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, praise the Lord!

Praise God who made heaven and earth and all that is in them.

Come, praise the Lord!

Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden.

Come, praise the Lord!

Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free.

Come, praise the Lord! The one who will reign forever and ever. Together let us pray.

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wrongly try to depend on our own efforts and wander from your way falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste the fullness of life and trust in your unfailing love and mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION / CHORAL VERSE

"...O Lord, hear us..."

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**

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 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
Penelope Blake Lillard, daughter of Caleb and Katie Lillard
Presenting Elder: Dan Crunk

***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.

CHORAL VERSE
“Day by day... ”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:19-31 (Pew Bible, p. 851)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Are We Listening?* Anne Keener

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN 695** *Change My Heart, O God* CHANGE MY HEART
(The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.)
(Refrain) Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. (repeat)

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 *Fall Festival* Jessica Lahey

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

***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 546**

Lord, Dismiss Us

SICILLAIN MARINERS

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist / Chancel Choir
Ryan Fox, Liturgist
Elizabeth Fox, Acolyte

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

PRAYER LIST

New:
Beth Rose's son, Zachary Rose

Deaths:
Kathy Nappier’s son, Andy Nappier, September 23
Kate Devaney's brother, Stephen Devaney, September 7

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

In Memory:
Lois Weldon September 29, 2021
Alma Ridley September 30, 1995
Jake Wilson September 30, 2022
Ian Raines October 3, 2022
Jackye Reams October 4, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Festival- Saturday, October 18, partnership with Hard Bargain Association!

4:30 PM with Trunk or Treat

5:00 PM BBQ dinner

6:00 PM movie by the pavilion. Bring blanket and chairs for the movie!

We need **many volunteers for this fun event**. See the SignUpGenius link on the Events page of our website to learn about all the volunteer spots and sign up today to help with setup, clean up, food, bounce house, and to decorate a trunk! Contact Verna Rydlund, vrydlund@gmail.com with questions.

Hard Bargain will also be hosting a Blood Drive in collaboration with Blood Assurance during the Fall Festival. Spots are available from 4 PM until 8 PM. To donate scan the QR Code or go to www.bloodassurance.org/hardbargain.



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. Pastor Eddie will lead the final study on *Christian Doctrine* by Shirley Guthrie. There will be NO WNL on 10/8 due to fall break.

Advent Devotional: Fall is in the air, but Advent is just around the corner. We will again create an Advent/Christmas/Epiphany devotional booklet for the congregation with the words of our own FPC members. If you would be willing to write a short reflection (approximately 300 words) please email Catherine Olson, colson@fpcfranklin.org, by **TODAY**. We will then send you more details including scripture options.

Worship-Music & ARTS Event---Sunday, Oct. 19 (3:00 PM): Join us for our first event for fall as the *Vanderbilt Trombone Ensemble*, directed by Jeremy Wilson, combines forces with *Bone Therapy*, directed by Joseph Awad, a local community trombone ensemble. The afternoon of brass music will feature works by Nelhybel, Brahms, Straus, Saint-Saens, and others. A reception will follow in Wilson Hall.

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!

FPC NaCoMe Women's Retreat: Join us **November 14–16** for a weekend of community, prayer, and reflection at NaCoMe. Spiritual Director Shannon Horn Truss will guide us through prayer times focusing on God's generosity and love through scripture, poetry, and art. Options include the full weekend (\$200) or partial attendance (\$50–\$100). A \$25 deposit is **due by October 28** to secure your spot. Sign up and payment links are on the registration page of the FPC website. **Questions?** Contact Katie England (england.katie@gmail.com), Namaste Anderson (nammer2649@gmail.com), or Diane Fender (diane.fender@gmail.com).

Music in Worship: Mid-week Rehearsals: Join us *Wednesdays* for *Carillon Handbells* (5:00 PM) and *Chancel Choir* (6:45 PM).



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

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Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM

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