



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE BELLS / POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE / HYMN INTONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who seek the Lord gather together in this house of worship.

Let our hearts remember the cross and all that it calls us to be.

Let us see in the cross the price paid so that we might know God's love.

Let us walk then without fear and be willing to accept our crosses.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for we are redeemed children of God. Together let us pray.

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, you are the stronghold and the refuge of faith, the fountain of hope, and the safeguard for all who praise your name. With your steadfast love, we can walk and not stumble, run and not fall, and lie down in safety. We shall fill our days with visions of lofty splendor and consider each moment as sacred because of your grace.

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

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most gracious and holy Lord, we desire to be a part of your family, but we are unwilling to accept our crosses. We would be called Christians, but we are not willing to live as you taught us. We would be your followers, but we shrink away when faced with the price we might be called to pay. Forgive us and give us courage to live for you.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL SENTENCE

"Bow down Thine ear, O Lord..."

CHANCEL CHOIR

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe in the Good News.

In the name of 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.

*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Let us now remember the standard by which God calls us to live.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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, 5, K) info on back of bulletin.

CHORAL SENTENCE

CHANCEL CHOIR

"...to see Thee more clearly..."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-33 (Pew Bible, page 850)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Cost of Discipleship

Eddie Bellis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 728

Somebody's Knocking

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING

*AFFIRMATION 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

Fold and place your completed "Connection Card" in the plate offering.

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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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues the prayer... who forever sings your praise:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

NICAEA

Leader continues the prayer... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader continues the prayer... now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

All bread is gluten free. The wine is non-alcoholic grape juice.

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

CHANCEL CHOIR

POST COMMUNION VERSE 498

BEACH SPRING

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share.
Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

Five Bell Peal

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor

Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor

Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist / Chancel Choir

Ryan Fox, Liturgist

Charlie Stevens, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in honor of my children and grandchildren by Karen Hanson.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Marissa Walters

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

Deaths:

Hugh DuPree, August 17

Members:

Ted Bechtel, Barbara Crunk, Vickie Ellis,

Anne Osborne, Jaclyn Tarkington, Tom Wilson

In Memory:

Margot Keily September 8, 2010

Bess Burrow September 11, 2003

Paul Gaddis September 11, 2019

Jeanne Pritchard September 12, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CALL TO COMPLETE THE CAT! We are coming to the end of the first step in shaping our future together. On **Wednesday, September 10, at midnight**, the window of opportunity to join us on this journey will close. Although our response rate has been great, if we don't have your input, we are still missing an important piece of the puzzle. **PLEASE** share your opinions with us using this highly confidential assessment instrument. If you have questions, please contact Eddie Bellis at ebellis@fpcfranklin.org. A special thanks to everyone who has participated in this process!

Holy Chow! WNL Set-Up and Kitchen 101 - TODAY, following worship: Join us for a fun training on the ins and outs of setting up and cleaning up for our Wednesday Night Live dinners. Whether you usually attend WNL or not, whether you have helped in this way before or not, we need you! The more people who are willing to serve, the more we can rotate the responsibilities. This is a fun and easy way to serve!

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) is back! 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.

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

Adults 55+ are invited to lunch tomorrow, **Monday, September 8**, at 11:00 AM at Serrato's Steakhouse, 3046 Columbia Ave, Suite 102, Franklin, TN 37064.

Presbyterian Women's First Meeting is this Tuesday, September 9 at 9:45 AM. This year's study, *"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ,"* runs September through May. Workbooks are available for purchase in the church office. Women of all ages are welcome—please join us!

Dinner for 8 - September 20: Would you like to meet fellow FPC members in a small group setting and share a meal? If so, Dinner for 8 is for you! It will be from 6-8 PM at various members' homes, with dinner provided. **Sign up online by Sept 10.**

Overnight NaCoMe Senior Adult Retreat: Friday–Saturday, 10/3–10/4 Get away for a refreshing overnight trip with other PCUSA churches in Middle Tennessee! Delicious meals (3 included), uplifting worship, relaxing, and fun activities at camp. Pick up an info packet in the church office or sign up online by **Friday, Sept. 12.**

Red Cross: Our blood drive is next **Sunday, September 14**, 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 redcross.org and use the sponsor code **FPCF19**.

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.

Music Commissioning Sunday: Join us **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 Lion's Club. Meet at Sensory Garden for the Blind next to Grassland Elementary at 8 AM.



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 requiring 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 contact 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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