



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKLIN

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL TEACHING MOMENT – *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 31:1-5

The Lord heard our plea and, through Christ, sent us a Helper, the Holy Spirit.

One who would be our guide and reminder of all Christ taught us.

One who would be present in all that we do or wherever we go.

One who bears witness to the resurrection and eternity.

The Holy Spirit is our gift so that we might know the Lord and have an abundant life.

Then let us give praise and lift our voices for all to hear!

Together, let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you.**

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

*HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that our love is hesitant and conditional. We keep the commandments that suit us and ignore the ones that call us to risk, forgive, and to lay down our lives for others. We say we believe, yet our lives often proclaim otherwise. We turn from the living Christ to lesser loyalties, forgetting that in him we live and move and have our being.

Breathe your Spirit upon us again, that we may know, not only in word but in truth, that Christ lives. Awaken us to his presence in our midst, his life within our lives, and his love calling us forward. Because he lives, call us out of fear and into courage. Because he lives, call us out of death and into life. Because he lives, make us a people who love as we have been loved. We pray in the name of the living Christ, who is in you, and we in him.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE – “*Lord of life, hear our prayer...*”

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.)

***MUSICAL RESPONSE 238**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory.

***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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Cathy McCall and Martha Johnson
Mission Co-Chairs

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE – “*O Lord, my Lord, I hear your voice...*”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 14:15-31 (p.877)

SERMON

Whispers of the Spirit

Eddie Bellis

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***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.

HYMN 281

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

(This chant, from the Taizé community in France, will be repeated by the congregation as the cantor sings its related text.)

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 – A REFLECTION ON THE PEACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Song of Peace (organ) and Peace I Leave with You (choir)

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Faithful God, in Christ you have come to us and made your home with us, sending your Spirit to dwell within us. You have not left us orphaned. Because he lives, we offer these gifts and ourselves, not out of obligation, but as a response to your living presence. Receive these offerings and use them as signs of your abiding love, that others may know they are not alone and may glimpse the life that death cannot overcome. Because he lives, send us out in hope, love, and courage. In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(VERSES One, Two, and Four)

HYFRYDOL

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Eddie Bellis, Interim Pastor
Anne Keener, Commissioned Pastor
Michael Snoddy, Director of Music and Organist
The Carillon Chancel Choir
Ryan Fox, Liturgist
Elise Lasseter, Acolyte

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of our 48th anniversary by Hunter and Lucy Battle.*

PRAYER LIST

New:

Caleb Lillard
Paula Starace's mother, Verna Clark
Sandra Fields' friends, Tom Bateman and family
Barb Roos' cousin, Karl Lache

Deaths:

Linda Cairatti's father, Bill Jack, April 28
Angela Calhoun's mother, Claire Mitchell, April 17

Births/Adoptions:

Declan Titus Plumley, son of Doug and Hannah Plumley, March 31
great-grandson of Opal Plumley
Carmen Ivy Nunez, daughter of Hannah and Francis Nunez, April 20
great-granddaughter of Vivian and Chuck Coble

Members:

Ann Brown
Barbara Crunk
Carolyn Hayes
Anne Osborne

In Memory:

Gea Jolley May 12, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Website Update: We are updating the church website and looking for members who have expertise or interest in helping Thomas Bartolomeo and others with this process. If you are interested and willing to help, contact Catherine Olson (colson@fpcfranklin.org).

FISH Service Opportunities: Sign up online.

May 16, Serving at Downtown Presbyterian Church's Fish & Loaves Ministry in Nashville, offering breakfast and hospitality to those experiencing homelessness. We will gather at DPC at 8:30 AM.

June 2, Volunteer with Williamson County Animal Shelter at 10 AM.

Inquirer Gathering: Are you interested in learning more about FPC? Join us Sunday, **May 17** at 9:00 AM in the Church Parlor, Room 218. Contact Anne Keener for more information.

Confirmation Sunday- May 17: Join us for worship as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday, honoring our six confirmands and welcoming them into full membership in the life of the church.

FPC Music & Arts: Sunday, May 17 at 3 PM we welcome African American Concert Organist Alcee Chriss III. Celebrated for his "grace, skill, and abundant proficiency," Dr. Chriss has performed throughout North America and Europe and is University Organist and Artist-in-Residence at Wesleyan University. In addition to his concert career, Alcee is active as a church musician and guest lecturer and remains engaged with his lifelong love of gospel and jazz.

Blood Drive, May 31: Join us for a blood drive with the American Red Cross in Wilson Hall from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Blood donation is vital—and you can help save lives by giving to patients in need. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FPCF19.

Outreach Events: Franklin Pride is **June 6** at Harlinsdale Park, and Juneteenth is **June 19** at Franklin Bicentennial Park. FPC members are invited to sign up to volunteer at our FPC tent and/or come enjoy each event. Sign up online or email Verna for more info at vrydlund@gmail.com.

Emergency Medical Sessions: Learn what to do before EMS arrives in situations involving unconsciousness, choking, bleeding, and AED use. Led by Don Arnold in the Barr Conference Room with the assistance of Blair and Larry Reynolds after services on **June 7 & 28**. Healthcare professionals interested in helping can contact don.arnold@yumc.org.

The Basic Essentials Collection supports GraceWorks Food Pantry year-round with food carts, student fuel bags, holiday boxes, and mobile pantries. May's collection benefits Williamson County Animal Center. Needed items: laundry detergent, cat toys and treats, and dog treats and chews.

Study Opportunities: Sisters in Spirit is a gathering of women who meets Fridays at 10:00 AM in the Parlor and just began a new study on *Counterweights* by Shannan Martin on May 8. Men's Bible Study meets Saturdays at 7:30 AM in the Parlor and is studying *Proverbs* by Christine R. Yoder. All men are invited to join for fellowship and meaningful discussion. Presbyterian Women will have their final meeting of this study this Tuesday, May 12, at 9:45 AM in the Church Parlor and will begin a new study in the fall.

Adults 55+: Come for food and fellowship each Wednesday at 5 PM at the Franklin Chop House. No need to sign up. Just show up!

Use QR code to visit the 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 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

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).

Church Office Hours M-Th 9 AM-4 PM
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