

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Hopson

Words of Welcome

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalms 19: 1, 7-10, 14)*

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;**

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

**People: The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;**

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also
than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be
acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

* Hymn 466

O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, you embrace all through your Son Jesus, and we still show partiality. In him you proclaim the joyful news of peace, and we still talk war. In him, you wish to reconcile the whole human race in love, and we still put up walls of mistrust and fear each other. Jesus healed the oppressed and freed the captives, and we still reject his invitation to new life. Have mercy upon us. Grant us the courage to pursue your way of love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Word of God

First Lesson

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Second Lesson

James 3: 1-12

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *Praise the Lord, All Earth Be Ringing* Mozart

Children's Message

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 8: 27-38

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend Amos Wilson
"Same Old Question"

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS HYMN

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* Scheidt

* Doxology

Hymn 592

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude

Fugue in E Minor

Dupuis

Lay Reader:

Glen Brosius

We welcome Dr. Amos Wilson to our pulpit today. Amos is a retired Presbyterian minister who spent most of his work as a minister in the role of a chaplain, most recently with the Tennessee Department of Corrections. He and his wife, Etta, have many friends in the congregation as it provided the church home for them and their two daughters during most of the 70's and 80's. Since his retirement Amos served as the Interim Pastor of the Downtown Presbyterian Church, Nashville. Etta is active in the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville. Amy and her family live in Houston, TX, and Emily and her family live in Kensington, MD.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	5:00 pm	Outreach Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Preschool
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Fellowship
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	57	Offering	\$ 2,798.00
Sunday School	53	Weekly Need	5,354.00
Sanctuary Service	71	Through July	163,705.15

Bell Choir: The Bell Choir is seeking people to ring bells and also to ring the chimes. If you can read music and are willing to participate, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners September 20th 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night's program will be "Brazil Mission" (one of our church supported mission projects) presented by Joe Adams and Hugo Sandoval.

All reservations must be received by Tuesday morning. To make a reservation, call the church office or sign up on the attendance slip inside the bulletin. You can now make your reservation on line at www.fpclebanon.org.

Chicken Broccoli Bake, White Rice, Green Salad, Corn Bread, Chocolate Cake

Prayer Concerns

Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Claudine Prowell	Don Denney	Isa Carroll
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Thayer & Alice Smith	Betty Eshelman	John Freeman
Mary Helen Averitt	Maclynn Crawford	Debbie McClure
Sara Thompson	Debbie York	Sue Patton Guy
Sherry Arnold	Aubrey Roney	Julie Pepper
Marjorie Nabbe	Sheleah Jensen	Barbara Mullins
Stan Williams	John Angles	Valerie Eblin
Joseph Clemons	Julie Stephens	Grace Garrard
Jerry Gray	Shirley Walfus	Debbie Sharp
Martha Anderson	Debbie Brinner	Johnnie Keel
Jeremy Stubblefield	Jim Robbins	Charles Lambert
Jerry Pentecost	Donna Goliher	George Donnell
Carol Roberts	Charles Cowden Sr.	Mary Keiph
Kathy Keith	Sean Barber	Alba Telez
Delvinia Allen		

Military

Kevin Alseys	Kyle Kaker	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	James Scott	Noah Evans
Luke Baker	Mike Matthys	Jeff Scott
Blake Beckman	David Midgett	Jeremy Scott
Jaymon Bell	Jason Nolley	Jason Sellars

The Church Session

Brenda Thaxton, Clerk of Session

2006

Joe Adams
Jimmie Crawford
Brenda Thaxton
Lois Ann Wauford

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanius

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The Church Staff

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