

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

This Week at FPC

Today	
8:45 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Church School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Wednesday	
6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
Friday	
Saturday	
7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Hands

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 9, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Chicken will be provided

Please call the church office by Tuesday to make a reservation at 615-444-1360.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of **Phyllis Purnell Phillips** on her death on January 1, 2019. Phyllis was a long time member of FPC.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2019: If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory of or in honor of loved ones for the sanctuary or chapel for a particular Sunday in 2019, please contact Kristy in the church office.

VANGOES TO SEE HISTORY: The VanGoes next outing will be Thursday, January 24 to visit the brand new Tennessee Museum in Nashville and then have lunch in the food court at the Farmers Market. Call the church office at 615-444-1360 if you plan to attend.

PLEDGING FOR A NEW VAN: FPC has a 15-passenger church van that is close to 20 years old. Groups in the church (especially the VanGoes) have been using the van frequently and it has become increasingly clear that the van is showing its age. Safety and reliability are an increasing concern. We have an opportunity to purchase a 2017 pre-owned van to replace our current vehicle for \$20,000. If you would like to make a pledge for the purchase of a new van, please contact the church office.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE
Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Dieterich Buxtehude

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Isaiah 60)

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around;
sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*HYMN NO. 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Past, as we round the corner of a new year we submit to you our flaws and shortcomings. We confess that we are more concerned with our accomplishments than our humility.

We are confident in our strength and brag of our abilities.

Forgive our arrogance, we pray.

Lord of the Future, help us to set our old ways behind us.

Help us to embrace a life based on faith in Christ. Help us to know the power of his resurrection and become new people in this new year. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

People: **Let us follow the light.**

Leader: Jesus brings light to the world and forgives our sins. This is the good news of God's promise.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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 PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

*This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The People That Walked in Darkness

George Fredric Handel

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;
and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
upon them hath the light shined.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Past Performance, Future Returns

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Interlude on the Coventry Carol

W.S. Lloyd Webber

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please hold the elements until all are served)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J.S. Bach