

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
12:15 p.m. Officer Training
5:00 p.m. Officer Dinner
6:00 p.m. Combined Meeting

Monday

6:00 p.m. Disciples Class

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
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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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 10, 6:00 p.m.

Beans and Greens

Please call the church office at 444-1360 to make a reservation **no later than noon Tuesday.**

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of **Ricky Lambert** on his death on January 8. Ricky was the son of the late Faye Brown.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and memory of **Lucille Spetnagel** by Barbara and David Howell and Ted and Nancy Spetnagel.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018:

Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or even an act of kindness, by providing flowers for a worship service in honor or memory of a loved one. If you would like to provide flowers on a particular Sunday in 2018, please contact Kristy.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS: Volunteers are needed to spend a Saturday night and to do laundry during the week. A sign-up sheet and list are on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

Are you interested in playing the Handbells?

FPC owns an outstanding set of handbells and is looking for ringers to prepare for the Easter season and beyond. The ability to read music is not required (but it does help). If you are the least bit interested or just curious, then please give your name to Branson or the church office. This is not a commitment to play; we are simply collecting names to gauge interest and possibly form multiple groups based on experience and ability.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Andante

Umbreit

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 139*)

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

People: Even there your hand shall lead me.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

People: Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

* **HYMN NO. 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O Lord, that we consider you as being distant and remote.

We wonder if you truly understand what makes us tick.

We forget that you know us better than we know ourselves.

You formed us in our mother's wombs. You know our words before we speak them. Your love for us has no strings and is greater than we can ever comprehend. Forgive us when we doubt you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the transforming power of God's Spirit we can be changed.

Friends, this is the good news of our salvation:

People: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace
that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Stan Pethel

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me save that Thou art;
Thou are my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.
Lord of my life, Lord of my life.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all, ruler of all.*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Be the Lord of my heart.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Better Than We Know Ourselves

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

* 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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Fear Not the Foe

J.C. Bach

* 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Fischer