

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. Deacons' Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Church Picnic
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

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The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on
Wednesday September 19 at 6:00 p.m.
at Don Fox Community Park.

Fried chicken, drinks, plastic ware, and paper goods will be provided. Bring a covered dish and join the fellowship.

Pipe Organ and Piano Recital

Tornado to Oz

featuring the Vierne Organ Symphony No. 1
played by J. D. Plant

Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of **Claudine Prowell**, church organist at FPC from 1960 to 2002.

Rise Against Hunger: Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, everyone – from children to seniors – is invited to come to the church to assemble 10,000 food packages that will be shipped overseas to countries where food is desperately needed.

SCAN - Santa for a Senior: Again this year, the church has agreed to play Santa to 12 people in the Senior Citizens Awareness Network (SCAN) program in Wilson County. SCAN is a nonprofit organization that reaches out to the county's elderly population and addresses the needs of isolated, lonely, at risk and financially challenged seniors.

If you would like to sponsor a senior this Christmas, please contact Catherine Hanson at: chanson457@yahoo.com. You will be given an individual Wish List for one of the seniors and we will set up collection boxes for them in the back hall as we have in previous years.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

September 16, 2018 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Concerto in A minor (II-Adagio)

A. Vivaldi

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 19*)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

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

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

* HYMN No. 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and power, although your son Jesus calls us to follow him, we reject that which is holy and set our sights on our own priorities.

We confess that we choose the easy life over a life of service.

We confess that we find the idea of sacrifice to be repugnant.

We confess that we resist giving up anything that we consider to be valuable.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to follow the path of discipleship each and every day. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ God comes to bless, not to condemn us.

People: **There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.**

Leader: The glorious news of the gospel is this:

People: **In 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)

God, source of all light,
by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture,
our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things
that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38

*For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I Surrender All

J.W. Van DeVenter

*All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

The Pirate Life

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Andantino

Franz Josef Haydn

*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. 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

March

Franz Josef Haydn