

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
10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Organist Search Committee Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Deacons' Chili Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

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

Friday

Saturday

6:00 p.m. Compassionate Hands

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DEACONS' CHILI DAY

Wednesday, February 28

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The annual Deacons' Chili Day will be held on Wednesday, February 28. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and can be

purchased from any of the Deacons or from the church office. Carry-out boxes will also be available. Beef, turkey, and vegetarian chili will be available, plus drinks and dessert.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today at 10:45 am. This will be Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We will also approve changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call.

WE WELCOME Tom Zimmerman as our guest organist today. Tom is a member of the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO.)

4 CENTS A MEAL will be received today. Please use the yellow envelope in the back of the pew your donation.

Lent is the 40 day season during which the Church prepares for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40 day count because every Sunday is considered a "mini-Easter," a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere during spring, the season in which Lent takes place.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Gerald Near

Where dwelleth charity and love, there God is found

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Choir: Who is the King of glory?

People: **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Choir: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

* HYMN NO. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the flock, you call each of us by name and yet we refuse to listen.
You lead the way to life but we follow those who offer only death.

We are drawn to false assurances.

We are blind to your presence.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us to be witnesses of your promise of abundant life. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love dries our tears;

People: God's forgiveness picks us up;

Leader: God's peace embraces us.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* SUNG RESPONSE

O Lamb of God Most Holy

Hymn No. 82

O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,

And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;

Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;

Have mercy on us, Jesus!

* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

*I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture.*

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

I Am the Gate

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT LINS, HERR

* 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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O Sacred Head Now Wounded

J.S. 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. 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren

Max Reger

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty