

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

9:45 a.m. Outreach Committee

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 5, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation **no later than noon Tuesday**. At 6:45 p.m. Sherard will offer a presentation of his recent trip to Cuba.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

of the congregation are extended to Lydia McVicker and family on the death of her son, **Jay McVicker**, on March 27. Lydia is the sister of Nancy Boyd.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 9, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall to celebrate Mildred Gaston's 90th birthday.

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE:

First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. FPC will be the second of the stops to commemorate the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to welcome the participants. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, April 14, please contact Becky Burris or the church office.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

will be held at Cumberland Presbyterian Church on April 11-14. Worship is at noon and is followed by a light lunch. Rev. Edington will deliver the message on Wednesday. FPC is also responsible for providing lunch items on that day. Please contact Kathy Adams (615-443-1041) if you can help provide food.

EASTER EGG HUNT

will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for lots of activities and Easter photos. Candy donations for the hunt are greatly appreciated. Bring donations to the church office.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Ezekiel 37)

Leader: The spirit of the Lord set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"

People: O Lord God, you know.

Leader: Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

People: So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, the bones came together, bone to bone.

Leader: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

People: I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.

*HYMN NO. 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life from what we view as death.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God’s love dries our tears; God’s forgiveness picks us up;
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
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!

Hymn No. 82

*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

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Mortal, can these bones live?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Nearer, My God, to Thee
arr. Charles C. Walker
*Nearer my God to Thee! Nearer to Thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
There let the way appear steps unto heav'n; All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer my God, to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

New Life, Old Scars
Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
TRENTHAM

*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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
According to Thy Gracious Word
W.A. Mozart

*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. 298

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
IN BABILONE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Blessed Jesu, At Thy Word
Walther