

## 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. Session Meeting

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

#### Friday

#### Saturday

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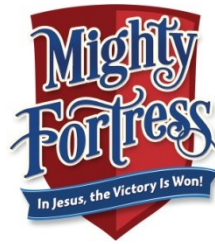
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THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of **Jean Tyree**, upon her death on Monday, May 15.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRESCHOOL GRADUATES:

The FPC Preschool graduated its 30<sup>th</sup> class on Thursday. The sanctuary was filled with family, friends and kids.



SAVE THE DATE!

### Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School

June 26-28

5:30-8:00 p.m.

*Mighty Fortress* is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. At *Mighty Fortress*, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Bring your friends and plan to attend.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer either before or during the week. The bulletin inserts lists a variety of ways to help. We welcome your help for as little as one day or all three days.

**NACOME SUMMER CAMP:** It's not too late to register. Programs are offered for rising 3rd graders to rising 12th graders (including a CIT program), as well as Family Camp for K-3rd graders with an adult.

**ON PENTECOST SUNDAY** (June 4) our guest preacher will be Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter of Middle Tennessee Presbytery. The choir will offer a special Pentecost anthem accompanied by bass, fiddle, and mandolin.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE  
Service for the Lord's Day  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

*Air from the Suite in D*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 60*)

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples,

People: Let the sound of his praise be heard.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

People: And I will tell what he has done for me.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

People: But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

\* HYMN NO. 138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, the majesty of Easter is only weeks behind us but already we turn away from timeless things and resume our pursuit of what can only kill us. Resurrection's dawn fades into the business of the day. We've been summoned to model heaven's abundance in our community but we prefer to store up treasures on earth. Forgive us we pray and spin us about yet one more time and point us to where the resurrection still flames and burns among us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We are not our own, for we have been bought at great cost.  
Christ has died for us.

People: We are not forgotten. Christ is raised for us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

*The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth,  
does not live in shrines made by human hands.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Conrad Kocher

*For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.*

*Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light, (Refrain)*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child.*

*Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild, (Refrain)*

*For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love, (Refrain)*

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

## SERMON

*Idol Threats*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \* HYMN NO. 488

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

### \* 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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*Trio*

Bruckner

### \* 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. 288

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Maestoso*

Schroeder