

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

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

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THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. If you would like to donate, please use the yellow envelope in the pew pocket in front of you.



ORGAN CONCERT featuring David Stultz will be held today at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend. David Stultz is a 2017 graduate of the Baylor School, Chattanooga, Tennessee. He

previously studied organ with Jason DuRoy, organist at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, and currently studies with Dr. Sarah Harr, organist of First Lutheran Church, Chattanooga.

In 2015, David won first prize and the hymn-playing award in the Young Organist Competition sponsored by the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in Columbia, South Carolina. He has performed with the Jericho Brass and with the Chattanooga Youth Symphony Orchestra, and has received college scholarships from the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association and the Chattanooga Music Club. He plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville this fall, majoring in both art and music.

PRESCHOOL KICKS OFF NEW YEAR: FPC welcomes all of our Preschool students. School will begin on Thursday, August 3 with "Meet Your Teacher." The returning teachers are Tammy Manning, Pattie Netherton, and Lyse Watson. Angela Hankins is the director. The school has openings in the 3 year-old and 4 year-old classes this fall. Please call the church office for more information.

PLEASE make sure your vehicles are locked and valuables are out of sight when you park in the church parking lot.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

July 23, 2017

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Chorale

Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

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

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: **You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

People: **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.**

* **HYMN NO. 485**

To God Be the Glory

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How many times have we run from you, Lord of our hearts?

How many times have we chased shallow desires?

How many times have we shut out the love, hope, and peace of others?

Forgive us, Lord. May we embrace your call to be your children.

May we accept your grace and mercy in our lives.

May we recognize the holy ground on which we stand. 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)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-22

*He dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven;
and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Carson P. Cooman

*Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;
they triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.
To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.*

*And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;
and youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light.*

*And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now, as then,
in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.*

*O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath.
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,
that whole and sick and wake and strong may praise you ever more.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Holy Ground

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

* 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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What God Does Is with Reason Done

Pachelbel

* 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. 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUID

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Poco Allegro

Franck