

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
12:00 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting
5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

2:00 p.m. Knitting Group

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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Annual Church Picnic

Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.
Don Fox Community Park

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make Sherard's Installation Service wonderful. The flowers, the food, the music, the special service - it was SO lovely and I appreciate everyone's help so much!
~ Love in Christ, Becky Burris

TEAM FPC FOR SHERRY'S RUN: Thank you to everyone who participated in Team FPC for Sherry's Run. A special thanks to team captain Aileen Foutch and to Bettie and John Hill for hosting the *Race Watch Party* at their home.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for those interested in joining the church will begin Sunday, October 30. It will meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for three weeks and will be led by Rev. Edington.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: On September 25, the youth will go to Honeysuckle Hill Farm for some corn maze fun and other activities. For more information and to register, please contact the church office.

NaCoMe Fall Youth Retreat October 21-23, 2016

Save the date! The Fall Retreat at NaCoMe is open to all students in 6th - 12th grades. Make plans to attend. Contact the church office for a registration form. The church will cover one-half of the registration fees.



The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 4.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE
Service for the Lord's Day

September 18, 2016 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Partita on "O God, Thou Holy God"

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 79*)

Leader: O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

People: **They have given the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.**

Leader: We have become a taunt to our neighbors.

People: **How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?**

Leader: Let your compassion come speedily to meet us.

People: **Help us, O God of our salvation,
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

* HYMN NO. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, rejoice in the Good News:

People: **In the name of 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

Luke 21:5-19

This will give you an opportunity to testify.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Honor and Glory, Power and Praise

Keith Wilkerson

*Come, all ye people, lift up your praise to God our creator, the Ancient of Days,
clothed in all splendor, reigning on high; Lord, we your people, lift up our cry!*

*Come, all ye people, come now and sing to Christ our Savior, Redeemer and King,
pure Lamb of glory, our living Way. Love's sweetest story, to you we say:*

Honor and glory, power and praise, Lord God Almighty, to thee we raise.

We will proclaim it all of our days: Honor and glory, power and praise.

*Come, all ye people, come and rejoice; God's Holy Spirit now dwells in us,
pointing to Jesus, wonderful friend, guiding our hearts to live without end.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and sea.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

The End Before the End

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

* 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

O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day

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* 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. 361

How Firm a Foundation (vss. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

FOUNDATION

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

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