

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

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

Saturday

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The 4 Cents a Meal offering will be received today. Please use the yellow envelope in the back of the pew.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

September 26, 6:00 p.m.

*Lemon Chicken, Cheese Grits, Green Beans,
Rolls, Dessert Bar*

Please call the church office at (615)444-1360 to make a reservation **by Tuesday**.

Pipe Organ and Piano Recital

Tornado to Oz

featuring the Vierne Organ Symphony No. 1
played by J. D. Plant

Today at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

Rise Against Hunger: Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, everyone – from children to seniors – is invited to come to the church to assemble 10,000 food packages that will be shipped overseas to countries where food is desperately needed.

SCAN - Santa for a Senior: Again this year, the church has agreed to play Santa to 12 people in the Senior Citizens Awareness Network (SCAN) program in Wilson County.

If you would like to sponsor a senior this Christmas, please contact Catherine Hanson at: chanson457@yahoo.com. You will be given an individual Wish List for one of the seniors and we will set up collection boxes for them in the back hall as we have in previous years.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to Hurricane Florence. For updates, log onto follow@pdacares. The needs for response will be great. Give. Act. Pray.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

September 23, 2018 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Concerto in A minor (III-Allegro)

A. Vivaldi

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 1*)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread.

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: But the way of the wicked will perish

* HYMN NO. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the Least, you graciously invite us into your kingdom
but we fail to welcome you into our hearts.

We hear you calling but we are too afraid to respond.

We confess that we are more concerned with being first than in lifting up
those who have fallen. We would rather be served than to serve.

Forgive us and help us to fully understand the eternal words that you speak.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God will not leave us, nor turn from pursuing us.

People: Where we go, God already is. Where we dwell, God dwells.

Leader: We are God's people and this is God's news:

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)

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

Mark 9:30-37

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Schweizer

*'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind, 'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;
And when we find ourselves in place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed.

To turn, turn, will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come out right.

*'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive, 'tis a gift to find out how we ought to live;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Servants of All

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE

*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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Dialogue

F. Couperin

*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. 372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Rondeau from "Symphony of Fanfares"

Jean-Joseph Mouret