

## 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  
10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Youth Outing

#### Monday

2:00 p.m. Knitting Group  
6:00 p.m. Disciples Class

#### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

#### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday

9:00 p.m. Preschool  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

#### Friday

#### Saturday

### First Presbyterian Church

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## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

September 28, 6:00 p.m.

Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert

Please call the church office at 444-1360 to make a reservation **no later than noon Tuesday.**

Our church secretary, **Kristy Vincent**, will be on **vacation** this week. She will return on Monday, October 3.

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary to elect at-large members of the 2017 Officer Nominating Committee. Session representatives are Jessica Fain and Becky Burris; Deacon representative is Marty Bone

**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 four weeks and will be led by Rev. Edington.

**TODAY'S SERMON** is part of a year-long series of sermons from the Gospel According to Luke.



### NaCoMe Fall Youth Retreat October 21-23, 2016

Save the date! The Fall Youth 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 October 4.

The **4 CENTS A MEAL** offering will be received today.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

*Service for the Lord's Day*

September 25, 2016 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

*Lord Jesu, By Me Stand*

Pachelbel

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 118*)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say,  
"My God, in whom I trust."

People: **No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge.**

Leader: God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God's name.

People: **When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble,  
and show them salvation.**

\* **HYMN NO. 356**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ROBINSON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy, we offer ourselves to you broken and bruised.

We pretend to be faithful even as we stumble.

We confess that we trust in the things of this earth and acknowledge that we would sell you out for a few dollars.

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

We confess that we can deny knowing you even as we look you in the face.

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

We confess that we ignore our neighbor, glare upon the refugee with contempt, and are dismissive of those in need.

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Lord, forgive us of our sins, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: From the words of our lips and the utterances of our hearts  
God hears the confessions we offer. Friends, this is 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 22:1-6, 31-34

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

*Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

Arlen Clarke

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.  
Heav'n and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;  
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?  
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.  
Heav'n and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;  
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?  
Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.*

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

## SERMON

*A Tale of Two Sinners*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \* HYMN NO. 370

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

### \* 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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*Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow*

Walther

### \* 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. 101

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Gigue*

J.S. Bach