

## 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. Fellowship Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

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

### Friday

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. **Rise Against Hunger**

### First Presbyterian Church

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 3, 6:00 p.m.

*Covered Dish*

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

**Rise Against Hunger:** Thanks to your generosity, we have reached our goal of raising \$3400. Now, we need 50 people to come to the church on Saturday for the Food Packaging Event.

**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](mailto: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 [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org). The needs for response are great. Give. Act. Pray.

### All Church Breakfast

Sunday, October 7

9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Instead of Sunday School, everyone is invited to our All Church Breakfast. In celebration of World Communion Sunday, communion will be served at the end of the meal.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

*Service for the Lord's Day*

September 30, 2018 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in E minor (first sections)*

Nicolaus Bruhns

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 105*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: Tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

People: Praise the Lord!

\*HYMN NO. 464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Kingdom, instead of simply placing our trust in you, we put far too much effort into controlling those around us.

We demand the final say over whether someone is deserving of your attention.

We seek to judge the righteousness of our neighbors.

We want to limit your love.

Forgive our pitiful efforts to shrink your kingdom to fit into our meager expectations. 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

Mark 9:38-48

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

*Branded*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN NO. 307

*Fight the Good Fight*

DUKE STREET

### \*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 *Prelude and Fugue in E minor (appreggiated allegro)*

Nicolaus Bruhns

### \*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. 411

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in E minor (final toccata)*

Nicolaus Bruhns