

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. All Church Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. Disciples Class

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS:

Due to fall break, there will not be meals on October 4 and 11. Regular meals will resume on October 18.

EMPORIUM FOR EMPOWER ME: First of all, don't call it a Yard Sale. It is an *Emporium* (but you may call it a Treasure Sale). In response to their recent study of the book *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*, the Cross Roads class is organizing this sale of the things you no longer need and using the proceeds to support the Empower Me Center. They don't want your junk. They want your treasures. Bring these treasures to the church for the sale on **Saturday, October 21.**

DINGES HOUSE "SPRUCE UP" DAY calls for volunteers to help spruce up the Dinges House on October 28. Please contact the church office for more information.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ. As we partake of Holy Communion, we remember all our sisters and brothers in Christ around the world. World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with others in need.

HURRICANE RELIEF: Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Irma followed close behind, weaving a path of devastation, wiping out islands in the Caribbean and bringing damaging winds and storm surge to Florida. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic hurricanes? — GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

Wood

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Leader: All who thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

People: All who are lost will find safety here.

Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

People: All who are broken will find healing here.

Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

People: Let us worship God!

* HYMN NO. 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace, but in our violence, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us into servants of your righteousness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
People: We have been claimed as God's own people.
Leader: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
People: 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)

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture;
give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us;
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

Which of the two did the will of his father?
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

Truth At All Costs: The Scots Confession Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

* 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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By the Waters of Babylon

Powell

* 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. 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Les Cloches

Lebague