

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
1:00 p.m. Officer Training

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

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

Friday

Saturday

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

November 15, 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Meal

Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation **no later than noon Tuesday**.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS will begin Saturday, December 2, and continue through March. Volunteers are needed to spend the night and to do laundry. Clothing and toiletry items are also needed. The sign-up sheet and list are on the bulletin board in the back hallway. The Outreach Committee appreciates all those providing their time & talents.

THE ROSE on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of **Emmet Maddox** to Kristen and Robert Johnson on November 6. Congratulations to grandmother, Nancy Boyd.

NEW OFFICERS: At the congregational meeting on November 5, the following officers were elected:

Ruling Elders – David Foutch, Pat Bone, Dee Lineberger, Robin Orewiler, Wayne Patton

Deacons – Mary Margaret Farris, Sondra Bishop, Linda Gatlin.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Wednesday's Chili Cookoff:

First Place – Allen Vance

Second Place – Blair Welser

Third Place – Nancy Gebhardt

KEYBOARDS AT CHRISTMAS: Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors. Keyboards at Christmas will be here December 3.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

November 12, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

How Fair and How Pleasant Are Thou

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CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 78*)

Leader: The Lord said: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
I will give instruction and explain the mystery
of what happened long ago.

People: **These are things we learned from our ancestors,**

Leader: And we will tell them to the next generation.

People: **We won't keep secret the glorious deeds
and the mighty miracles of the Lord.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

* **HYMN NO. 489**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and might, enable us to confess our sins with pure motives and contrite hearts. We confess that we are impatient and expect you to conform to our schedules. We wait but rarely are we ready. We demand a full tank of faith and salvation at the flip of a switch. Forgive us Lord. Help us to be the people who embrace the gift of waiting. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and through grace gives us eternal comfort and hope, strengthening our hearts in every good work and word. Friends in Christ, hear the good news:

People: In the name of 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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1-13

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Pure Hearts

David Ashley White

Come, pure hearts, in sweetest measure

Sing of those who spread the treasure In the holy Gospels shrined.

Blessed tidings of salvation, Peace on earth their proclamation, Love, from God to lost mankind.

See the rivers four that gladden, With their streams, the better Eden Planted by our Lord most dear;

Christ the fountain, these the waters; Drink, O Sion's sons and daughters,

Drink and find salvation here.

O that we, thy truth confessing, And thy holy word possessing, Jesus, may thy love adore;

Unto thee our voices raising, Thee with all thy ransomed praising,

Ever and forever more, ever and forever more.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

The People Who Wait

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

* 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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Jesus, Make Thy Supplication

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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. 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fugato

Herzog