

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

First Presbyterian Church

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 10, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018:

If you would like to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones on a particular Sunday in 2018, please contact Kristy.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS:

Volunteers are needed to spend a Saturday night and to do laundry during the week. Donations of clothing and toiletry items are also needed. A sign-up sheet and list are on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

TIMBERLINE:

Burrrr! The cold days and nights are here. Be sure each week to bring your food items for the homeless staying at the Timberline camp grounds. They will appreciate being able to have the food items during these cold days and nights this winter. If you are unable to bring food items each week, please consider giving a monetary donation.

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING CHURCH OFFICERS

Our most sincere thanks go to the following officers who will complete their terms of service this month. Your work is deeply appreciated.

Elders – Hal Bone, Becky Burris, Paul Devine, Kelly Roy

Deacons – Kathy Adams, Jonathan Bouton, Don Goodwin, Bill Zaharias

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 72*)

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

People: May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people.

People: May he give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May all kings fall down before him,

People: For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: May his name endure forever.

People: May all nations be blessed in him.

* HYMN NO. 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of creation, Sender of shepherds and angels, we stand on the threshold of a new year not certain where you might lead us. We confess that we walk in darkness and ignore the signs of your kingdom. We seek guidance from those who crave power. Forgive us for failing to reach out to the meek and lowly. Open our eyes that we might follow your star. Bless us in this new year, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Although we may not always hear God, God hears us.
God hears our confessions and offers us forgiveness.
Friends, believe the good 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)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-12

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The First Nowell
(Congregation) *They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

arr. Hopson

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Born in a Barn Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

* 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 ANTHEM

In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Ian Higginson

* 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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please hold the elements until all are served)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 37

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ZLOBIE LEZY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Pastorale in F

J.S. Bach