

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. Please speak to the pastor or a member of the Session 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

12:00 p.m. Congregational Care

Monday

6:00 p.m. Disciples Class

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 p.m. Preschool

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

6:00 p.m. Compassionate Hands

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 11, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Kitchen Dedication

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

KITCHEN DEDICATION:

On Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m., just before the Fellowship Meal, everyone is invited to gather at the kitchen for a time of prayer and dedication. The kitchen is crucial in the life of this church and we want to give thanks to God for its renovation and the people who make it possible.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017:

The church office is now scheduling the provision of flowers for the sanctuary or chapel. If you would like to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones on a particular Sunday in 2017, please contact Kristy to select your Sunday.

YOUTH SKI TRIP:

Our youth will be traveling to Beech Mountain next weekend. Thank you to Sally and Paul Thaxton for their leadership.

SOUP COOK-OFF:

Get out your best soup recipes for the soup cook-off on Wednesday, January 18! Desserts are also welcomed.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2017

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 29)

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

* HYMN NO. 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we turn from you when we are called.

You want us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain.

You ask that we serve quietly, but we want to raise a ruckus.

You demand that we serve until justice reigns,

but we just don't seem to have the time.

Forgive us, Lord. Bathe us in the life-giving waters of your mercy

so that we may be your servant people from this day onward. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart.
Believe this good news!
People: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace.
Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.

*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 Isaiah 42:1-9
Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Lone, Wild Bird Ruth Elaine Schram
*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.*
*Each secret thought is known to you, the path I walk my whole life through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears, my deepest joys, my silent tears.*
*The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea’s dark deep, and far off land.
And I am yours! I rest in you. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.*
Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON A Covenant of Service Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*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 In the Bleak Midwinter Gibbs
*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.*

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 554 Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE
POSTLUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Buxtehude