

## 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

6:00 p.m. Disciples Class

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

### Saturday

6:00 p.m. Compassionate Hands

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## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

February 21, 6:00 p.m.

*Covered Dish*

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

**WE WELCOME** Tom Zimmerman as our guest organist today. Tom is a member of the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO.)

### DEACONS' CHILI MEAL

The annual Deacons' Chili Day will be held on **Wednesday, February 28** from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. They can be purchased from any of the Deacons or from the church office. Carry-out boxes will also be available. There will be beef, turkey, and vegetarian chili.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday February 25 at 10:45 am. This will be Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We will also approve changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call.

**Lent** is the 40 day season during which the Church prepares for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40 day count because every Sunday is considered a "mini-Easter," a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere during spring, the season in which Lent takes place.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

*Service for the Lord's Day*

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

*O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 25*)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

People: For you are the God of my salvation;  
For you I will wait all day long.

\* HYMN NO. 443

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world. He came to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,

we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's compassion knows no boundaries;  
God's grace is greater than all our sins.  
Friends, hear the good news of our salvation:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

*O Lamb of God Most Holy* Hymn No. 82  
*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,  
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;  
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

## \*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:12-20

*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me  
will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*Abide with Me* arr. Malcolm Archer

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joy grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest no, abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

### SERMON

*I Am the Light of the World* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN No. 84

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Andante Tranquillo*

Percy Whitlock

### \*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. 359

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur*

Cesar Franck