

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 Meal  
6:00 p.m.    Compassionate Hands  
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

March 8, 6:00 p.m.

Italian Dinner

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of **Laura Rongione** and **Will Adams** on Saturday in Delray Beach, Florida, and in memory of **Jo Ann Adams** by Kathy and Joe Adams.



NACOME SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp registration is now open!

There are programs available for rising 3rd-5th graders, rising 6th-8th graders, 9th-12th graders, and rising 11th & 12th graders (including a CIT program), as well as Family Camp for K-3rd graders with an adult. On-line registration is available at [www.nacome.org](http://www.nacome.org).

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

March 5, 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 51)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

\*HYMN NO. 220

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All Glory Be to God on High

Pachelbel

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

Creating God, when confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome. Temptations allure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might have been. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of your love. Gracious God, have mercy upon us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to your genuine purpose in Christ. Amen.

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
People: **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)  
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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened,  
and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.  
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 Alt-Life Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

\*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 Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord David Halls  
\*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. 354 Guide My Feet GUIDE MY FEET

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Jesus Loves Me Held