

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

12:00 p.m.   Congregational Care

12:00 p.m.   Worship Committee

5:00 p.m.   Deacons' Meeting

6:00 p.m.   Session Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.   Compassionate Hands

6:30 p.m.   Choir Practice

Thursday

6:30 p.m.   Praise Team

Friday

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The PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Rachel Henson and family on the death of her sister, **Kimberly Jenkins**, on March 7.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** There will be no meal on Wednesday, March 15, due to spring break. Meals will resume on March 22.

FPC BASKETBALL CHALLENGE begins today. Everyone is invited to submit their bracket before the first game on Tuesday. Your bracket can be created at [fpclebanon.mayhem.cbssports.com](http://fpclebanon.mayhem.cbssports.com)

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

Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper;

People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

\* HYMN No. 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you call us to become pilgrims and follow you on a journey of faith.

You lead us to new lands and challenge our complacency.

You compel us to love our enemies, to help those who might hurt us, to give to those who might take from us.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive our hesitant steps to follow in your way.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We were created in the image of God, but have been tainted with the stain of sin. Christ washes away that stain and makes us pure.  
People: Thanks be to God! In the name of Christ we are forgiven.

\*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)  
O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,  
and show us what we ought to do,  
to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-4a  
Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The God of Abr'am Praise arr. Hal H. Hopson  
The God of Abr'am praise sing praise to God's name,  
who was and is and is to be, fore'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears;  
the First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years.  
God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;  
God spoke of old in prophet's word;that word speaks still  
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep written on the human heart in every land.  
God has eternal life implanted in the soul;  
God's Love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
All praise the living God! All laud that hallowed name,  
who was, and is, and ever shall be still the same.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON And So It Begins Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

\*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 If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee Rohlig  
\*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. 555 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Vivace Alcock