

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
12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

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

First Presbyterian Church

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 21, 6:00 p.m.

Roasted Pork, Scalloped Potatoes, Mandarin Orange Salad, Bread Pudding

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

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE: First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to welcome the participants. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, March 30, please contact the church office at 615-444-1360.

CHIMERS NEEDED: Can you count to 11? We want to begin using hand chimes to ring in the hour at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you'd like to ring a chime, please contact Becky Burris (615-418-5607).

HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be held at Cumberland Presbyterian Church on March 26-30. Worship is at noon and is followed by a light lunch. Rev. Edington will deliver the message on Wednesday. FPC is also responsible for providing lunch items on that day. Please contact Kathy Adams (615-443-1041) if you can help provide food.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for lots of activities and Easter photos. Candy donations for the hunt are greatly appreciated. Bring donations to the church office.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make the Deacons' Chili Meal a success this year.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

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: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

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

* HYMN NO. 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LAST UNS ERFRELIEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Shepherd of our lives, we reluctantly confess that we do not always listen to your voice. You are our God. You watch over us and protect us. Yet we are convinced that your commitment to us is thin and you will disappear at the first sign of trouble. We confess that we are always searching for fancier flocks and greener pastures. Forgive us of our weakness we pray. May we always be the sheep of your holy pasture. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.
People: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Friends, this is the power of the Gospel.
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)
Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world.
Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs of the new life
offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:11-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Now the Green Blade Riseth arr. Simon Andrews
Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen, Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain. He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen, Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,, Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been, Love is come again, like wheat the springeth green.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Children are invited to come forward.
SERMON I Am the Good Shepherd Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 82 O Lamb of God Most Holy! O LAMM GOTTES

*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
OFFERTORY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Hal Hopson
*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. 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL’S STORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude in F minor Leon Boellmann