

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

6:30 p.m.    Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m.    Preschool

6:30 p.m.    Praise Team

Friday

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 22, 6:00 p.m.

Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Cranberry and Mandarin Salad, Banana Pudding

Please call the church office at 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 life of **Claudine Prowell** given by her family.

THE ROSE on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of **Emory Ann** to Amy and Andrew Williams on March 13 in Chattanooga. Proud grandmother is Rachel Low.

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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 95)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

\* HYMN NO. 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternity,

you know how often we travel down the roads of doubt and fear.

We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love.

We have chances to offer ourselves in service,

but only give our contempt to those in need.

We could share the living waters with the world, but keep it for ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord. Make us whole. Allow us to drink of your quenching spirit forever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God forgives our sins, makes us whole, and sends us to serve.  
People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*SUNG RESPONSE

O Lamb of God Most Holy  
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!

Hymn No. 82

\*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

Exodus 17:1-7

He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites  
quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.  
Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.  
O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Roland E. Martin

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

A Fluid Situation  
Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 85

What Wondrous Love Is This  
WONDROUS LOVE

\*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

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Rock of Ages  
Lovelace

\*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. 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak  
CANONBURY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

When on the Cross the Saviour Hung  
Fischer