

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

9:45 a.m. Outreach Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

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

Saturday

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 11, 6:00 p.m.

Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Desserts

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

The PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Jeff Campbell on the death of his father Jim Campbell on April 6.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of **Bill Jenkins** by his family.

WE WELCOME Christine Brosend as our guest organist today. Christine is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and private voice instructor. She majored in organ performance at Carnegie Mellon University.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the spring cleaning at the Dinges House yesterday.

COMPASSIONATE HAND APPRECIATION NIGHT: On Wednesday, April 18, our Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be an Appreciation Dinner for all those who volunteered or donated this year to Compassionate Hands. We will hear a report on the program and recognize the many people who helped make it a success.

NACOME 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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 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 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

* HYMN No. 122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the resurrection, we confess that we easily shun our community of faith and are too inclined to act on our own. We can be stingy and self-centered. We hold on tightly to what is our own and ignore the needs of those around us. We fail to trust in the goodness of others. We fail to see Christ in our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be one in communion with the whole body of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's grace. Believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

* THE PEACE

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Easter Bells with Joy Are Ringing Douglas E. Wagner
*Easter bells with joy are ringing. Christ the Lord now lives again
Easter hearts with joy are singing: Alleluia, amen!"*
*Peals of never ending gladness fill the skies at break of day,
heralding a new beginning, free from sin, a debt repaid.*
*Easter bells with joy are ringing. Christ the Lord now lives again
Easter hearts with joy are singing: Alleluia, amen!"*
*Dead was He who now is risen, risen as the dawn of spring.
Sorrow ended, joy forever, in the love of Christ the King.*
*Easter bells with joy are ringing. Christ the Lord now lives again
Easter hearts with joy are singing: Alleluia, amen!"
Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ the Lord lives again!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Proving Grounds Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

* 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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Easter Sequence arr. Wilbur Held

* 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. 118

The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast Paul Manz