#### 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.Worship9:45 a.m.Church School11:00 a.m.Worship

#### Monday

Tuesday

#### 9:00 a.m. Preschool

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday

10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Friday Saturday

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#### WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY THIS YEAR'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Courtney Edington** University School of Nashville Rhodes College

James Peyton Pope John Paul II High School University of South Carolina

**Madeline Walker** Friendship Christian Academy University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**THANK YOU** to all who helped put on the Fish Fry. It was perfect in every way. We greatly appreciate all you do.

**NACOME SUMMER CAMP:** It's not too late to register. Programs are offered for rising 3rd graders to rising 12th graders (including a CIT program), as well as Family Camp for K-3rd graders with an adult.

# **Mighty Fortress**

Vacation Bible School

June 26-28

Mark your calendars and plan to participate! There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer either before or during the week. The bulletin insert lists a variety of ways to help. We welcome your help for as little as one day or all three days.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

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# THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SILENT MEDITATION Prelude Capriccio CHIMING THE HOUR **CHORAL INTROIT** \*CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: We are God's household, crafted by the architect of creation. People: Our hearts are shelters for the outcast; our hands are open to the stranger. Leader: We are God's people, created in the divine image. People: God calls us to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it. Leader: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves. We are chosen to serve the lost and lonely, People: gifted to minister to a hurting world. <sup>\*</sup>Нүмп No. 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

May 14, 2017

God of mercy and understanding,

We pray that you accept our confessions and offer us forgiveness for our sins.

We confess that our faith is clothed in folly.

We have ignored the words of your prophets

and questioned the testimony of your disciples.

When the witnesses of faith have spoken we did not believe.

Our eyes remain closed to the living Christ among us.

Standing before the throne of judgment we ask for your mercy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader:	The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
	Friends believe the good news:

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

### <sup>\*</sup>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.** 

**Recognition of Seniors** 

# THE WORD OF GOD

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture Reading

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!** 

#### ANTHEM

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

1 Peter 2:2-10

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, such a Life as killeth death.* 

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, such a Strength as makes his guest.* 

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life. Come, come my Joy. Come, come my Love. Come, come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.* 

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# Time for the Children

Children are invited to come forward.

Sermon

Rev. Sherard Edington

# **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

<sup>*</sup> Нуми No. 361	How Firm a Foundation	FOUNDATION		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH COLOSSIANS 1:15-20 Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.				
OFFERTORY PRAYER OFFERTORY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Radice *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 PEOP	le and the Lord's Prayer	(Traditional) Hymnal Page 16		
SENDING FORTH				
<sup>*</sup> Нуми No. 379	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	SOLID ROCK		
*CHARGE AND BENEDI *Sung Response On Christ, the sol All other ground i All other ground i	lid Rock, I stand; is sinking sand,			

Postlude