

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. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Brown Bag
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

6:45 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

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Shipwrecked! Vacation Bible School

June 25-27

5:30-8:00 p.m.

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. Bring your friends and plan to attend. Register on line on the church website: www.fpclebanon.org.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer either before or during the week. The bulletin inserts lists a variety of ways to help. We welcome your help for as little as one day or all three days.

WE WELCOME Tom Zimmerman as our guest organist today. Tom is a member of the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO.)

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the fifth anniversary of Don and Brenda Goodwin.

CONGRATULATIONS to Robin Taylor and Jack Emmert, Jr. who were married on May 25.

FPC PRESCHOOL is currently accepting enrollments for the fall. Classes are available for 3 and 4 year olds.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

June 3, 2018

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Deuteronomy 5*)

Leader: As the Lord your God commanded you, observe the sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Leader: But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God;

People: you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

Leader: Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,

People: and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

* **HYMN NO. 447**

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the Sabbath, even as we gather here to worship you, we confess that our priorities are misplaced.

We ignore the hungry and dismiss the broken. We prefer rules over redemption. With hardened hearts we continue to find ways to be judgmental. Forgive us we pray. In our own brokenness, may we always reach toward you with true humility. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Although we may not always hear God, God hears us.
God hears our confessions and offers us forgiveness.
Friends, believe the good news:
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)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Richard Shephard

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

If You Choose

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

*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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Be Present At Our Table, Lord

Arlen Clarke

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please hold the elements until all are served)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Joy

Robert Powell