

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
9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle

Tuesday
9:00 a.m. Preschool
3:00 p.m. Knitting Group

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday
9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

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WE WELCOME Thomas Zimmerman as our guest organist today. Thomas is a member of the American Guild of Organist.

THANK YOU to Debbie Harlan, Nancy Gebhardt, and Jonathan Bouton who served as hosts yesterday for Tennessee Family Dental's Free Clinic. Our chapel was used as a waiting room for those seeking care.

ORGAN CONCERT featuring David Stultz will be held Sunday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

Listen! A sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did



not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.
Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE
Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2017

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Prelude in E-flat Major* Alexandre Guilmant

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Galatians 6:14)
Leader: God forbid that I should boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;
Leader: By him we are redeemed and set free.
People: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face shine upon us.

* **HYMN NO. 443** *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess before you the seeds we have sown in hard places—
anger which springs from our flinty hearts,
bitterness which flows out like a rushing river,
hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around kindness,
passion which poisons innocent relationships.
Forgive us, Lord. May your mercy fall on us like rain.
May your grace turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love.
May your hope clear the rocks in our path.
May we reap the harvest of your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: 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)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. James Kirby
*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, so the throne thy tribute bring,
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King*
*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress,
praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.*
*Angels, in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from ev'ry race.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Deep Roots Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 327

O Word of God Incarnate MUNICH

*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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Blessed Assurance Gerald Near

*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. 324

Open My Eyes That I May See OPEN MY EYES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Herald March Mark Thewes