

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

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

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PARTICIPATING in the 11:00 service today are **Thomas Zimmerman**, organ, and **Monica Leversay**, clarinet. Monica is the band director at Mount Juliet Middle School.

TIMBERLINE: We are no longer taking food donations to the Timberline Campground. The Outreach Committee is investigating alternative options for outreach to the community. In the meantime, we will take any donated food to the Help Center.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Lyndsy Richmond** given by Becky Harm.

PRESCHOOL KICKS OFF NEW YEAR: FPC welcomes all of our Preschool students. School will begin on Tuesday, August 7 with "Meet Your Teacher." The returning teachers are Tammy Manning, Pattie Netherton, and Lyse Watson. Angela Hankins is the director. The school has openings in the 3 and 4 year-old classes this fall. Please call the church office for more information.

Rev. Edington is preaching a Summer Sermon Series on the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah titled *Building God's House*. All sermons are posted each Sunday following worship on fpclebanon.org.

Ezra/Nehemiah: Building God's House

1. *Cyrus Stirred* - Ezra 1-3

2. *Circle the Wagons* - Ezra 4-6

3. *Past Imperfect* - Ezra 7-10

4. Nehemiah 1-3

5. Nehemiah 4-7

6. Nehemiah 8-9

7. Nehemiah 10-13

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 85)*

Leader: From the rising of the sun until its setting,

People: God of peace - Remember your people.

Leader: From the bleakness of war to the lavish warmth of peace,

People: God of justice - Remember your people.

Leader: From the peace of eternity to the pain of the present moment,

People: God of infinite mercy - Remember your people.

Leader: Strengthen the resolve of all who pray for peace.

People: May God hold our world and all its peoples in the palm of God's hand.

* HYMN NO. 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of possibilities, we confess that we have done things in your name for which we are ashamed.

We have not been faithful.

We have corrupted your will.

We have forgotten the past.

We have clung to lesser gods.

Although our intentions were good, we failed to embrace the full scope of your love. We chose to be selfish and small-minded.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to love as widely as possible. 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)

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

Ezra 10:1-5

*So now let us make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children,
according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God;
and let it be done according to the law.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord

Rowland H. Prichard

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Past Imperfect

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*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

OFFERTORY

*This Is My Father’s World/
He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Terra Beata

*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. 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The Acts of God Are Righteous

Johann Walther