

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

Office Closed

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.    Preschool

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Today is the final Sunday of the 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](http://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. *RE: Building* - Nehemiah 1-3
5. *Double Duty* - Nehemiah 4-7
6. *This Is the Word of the Lord* - Nehemiah 8-10
7. *The Cycle of Sin* - Nehemiah 11-13

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on Wednesday September 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Don Fox Community Park.

Wednesday Fellowship Meals will resume September 26.

Get Your Musical Therapy On!

*Tornado to Oz*  
Pipe Organ and Piano Recital  
featuring the Vierne Organ Symphony No. 1

Sunday, September 23  
4:00 p.m.

Played by J. D. Plant

Everyone is invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

September 2, 2018    Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time    11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE                      Arrangement on "Amazing Grace"                      Diane Bish

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)

Leader:

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People:

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Leader:

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People:

Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

\* HYMN NO. 361                      How Firm a Foundation                      FOUNDATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Salvation, your infinite love embraces us and yet we continually shove you away. We humbly confess our sinfulness to you and to one another.

We profane the Sabbath and fail to keep it holy.  
We vandalize your house with altars to other gods.  
We place our own interests ahead of what is sacred and offer you the leftovers.

Forgive us of our sins we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have received forgiveness of sins according to the riches of God’s grace.

People: In the name of 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

Nehemiah 13:4-14

*Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have  
done for the house of my God and for his service.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound. Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always. Alleluia!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

*The Cycle of Sin*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\* HYMN NO. 280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

\* 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 ANTHEM

*According to Thy Gracious Word*

arr. Mark Schweizer

\* 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. 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in B Major*

Marcel Dupre