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 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

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

Friday Saturday

First Presbyterian Church

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THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of Catherine "Catie" Batcheler upon her death on August 30. Catherine's mother is Erin Taylor Rheinscheld; her grandparents are Robin Taylor and Bruce Taylor.

FLOWERS: The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of **Catherine Batcheler**.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered today to **Beau William Frye**, the son of Kristen and Aaron Frye.

HURRICANE HARVEY: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. PDA has begun working alongside established partners to respond to this latest crisis. The team headed to Houston hopes to be on the ground by Friday. Immediate response will help provide essential food, water, and supplies for the impacted area. The needs for the response are great. GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday September 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Don Fox Community Park. Wednesday Fellowship Meals will resume September 20.

WE WELCOME Shonda Johnson as our guest organist today. Shonda is a member of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and was the organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) in St. Louis for 12 years prior to moving to Franklin. She is married to Charles Johnson and they are the parents of two sons: Trent (5) and Gavin (3).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

September 3, 2017 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

Prelude Largo from Guitar Concerto

Vivaldi

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

People: Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

People: Remember the wonderful works he has done.

*HYMN No. 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unending faithfulness,

you are always present when we need you.

No matter how broken or lost we may feel, you are with us.

We confess that when you call us to serve,

we too often ignore you and make excuses.

We act as if we are too busy and dismiss the power of your love.

Forgive us, we pray. May we always respond to your call. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

^{*} Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of heaven is the one true God:

People: The one who offers us salvation. Leader: Hear the promise the gospel:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Beau William, son of Aaron and Kristen Frye

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 Exodus 3:1-15

Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Wondrous Love arr. Eric H. Thiman

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

SERMON *Prelude to Freedom: 1. God's Call* Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN No. 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

 * 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

In Remembrance

Buryl Red

*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. 391

Take My Life

HENDON

*Charge and Benediction

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Diademata Setchell