

## 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  
9:45 a.m. Outreach Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### Monday

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
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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## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

September 20, 6:00 p.m.

*Chicken Casserole, Corn Pudding, Salad,  
Coconut Cream Cake*

Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation **no later than noon Tuesday.**

**THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** of the congregation are extended to Bettie and John Hill upon the death of Bettie's sister-in-law **Eleanor Teasley** on September 10 in Murfreesboro. Eleanor was the wife of Charlie Teasley.

**HURRICANE HARVEY AND HURRICANE IRMA:** Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Irma followed close behind, weaving a path of devastation to the Caribbean and Florida. Years of recovery lie ahead and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. PDA urges your support for the people affected by these catastrophic hurricanes. **GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

**EMPORIUM FOR EMPOWER ME:** First of all, don't call it a Yard Sale. It is an *Emporium* (but you may call it a Treasure Sale). In response to their recent study of the book *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box*, the Cross Roads class is organizing this sale of the things you no longer need and using the proceeds to support the Empower Me Center. They don't want your junk. They want your treasures. Bring these treasures to the church for the sale on **Saturday, October 21.**

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

*Service for the Lord's Day*

September 17, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Moore

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 149*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

Leader: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

People: Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

Leader: The Lord takes pleasure in his people.

People: Let the faithful sing for joy.

\* **HYMN NO. 281**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the wilderness,

You offer us freedom on a scale we cannot comprehend.

You are an eternal light in our darkness,

our guide from oppression to promise.

We confess that too quickly we forget your many acts of salvation.

We view miracles as coincidence

and fail to recognize your healing actions in our lives.

Forgive us we pray. May we always follow on your path to peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God has mercy on us.

People: God's love is steadfast.

Leader: This is God's eternal covenant: Through the miracle of Jesus  
Christ our sins 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, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.  
Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding  
that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture,  
our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things  
that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12: 1-14

*This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;  
throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

*When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go!  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go!*

*Refrain: Go down, Moses, Way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh, Let my people go!*

*"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said: Let my people go!  
"If not, I'll smite your first-born dead." Let my people go! (Refrain)*

*"No more shall they in bondage toil," Let my people go!  
"Let them come out with Egypt's spoil," Let my people go! (Refrain)*

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

## SERMON

*Prelude to Freedom: 3. God Ordains* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \* HYMN NO. 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

### \* 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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*Partita*

J.S. Bach

### \* 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. 370

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Polonaise*

J.S. Bach