

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. Outreach Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

2:00 p.m. Knitting Group

Tuesday

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Because of Fall Break there will be no fellowship dinners on October 12 and October 19. Dinners will resume on Wednesday, October 26.

Participating in the 11:00 a.m. service today is Catherine Batcheler. A sophomore at Lebanon High School, Catherine has been playing the flute for 5 years, is a member of the Lebanon High School marching band, and is a student of Betty Polk.

THANK YOU for the donations to the Liver Life Walk. The walk is sponsored by The American Liver Foundation and took place in Nashville on Saturday, October 1. – Robin Taylor

WORK DAY: In preparation for Compassionate Hands which begins in December, the Outreach Committee is organizing a Work Day at the Annex on Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to participate.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for those interested in joining the church will begin Sunday, October 30. It will meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for four weeks and will be led by Rev. Edington.

HURRICANE MATTHEW: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Matthew. PDA has begun working alongside established partners to respond to this latest crisis. Immediate response will help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities and villages. The needs for the response will be great. GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

TODAY’S SERMON is part of a year-long series of sermons from the Gospel According to Luke.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord’s Day

October 9, 2016 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE Trio in G Major Bruckner

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Leader: Say to God, How awesome are your deeds!

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

People: Let the sound of his praise be heard.

*HYMN NO. 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation REGENT SQUARE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Compassion, your Word is sharper than any two-edged sword.

We confess that we disappear into the crowd when you look for us.

We sleep when we should pray.

We resort to violence when we should embrace peace.

We deny when we should proclaim.

We are free with the insults but slow with gratitude.

Forgive us, Lord, of the many times we have run away.

Help us to find your light in the darkness.

Help us hear your Word in our lives. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful.
God does not reject us when we do not trust fully.
God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.
Friends, this is indeed the good news of salvation:
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 of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39-65

When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me.
But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Schlesische Volkslieder

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

When Darkness Falls

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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From Heaven Above

J.B. 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. 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Canon in B flat Major

Renner