#### 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 Church School 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Outreach Mtg 10:45 a.m. Congregational Mtg 11:00 a.m. Worship

Deacons' Meeting

12:15 p.m. Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday

Thursday Office Closed Friday Office Closed

Saturday

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#### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance **(PDA)** is responding to the fires in

California. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by catastrophic events? — GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** If you would like attend the graveside service for Elmer Marler in Watertown on Tuesday, the van will leave the church at 12:15pm and return around 2:00pm.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Catherine and Mel Hanson in celebration of the life of James R. Copple and all other veterans of WWII.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: There will be no meal on November 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Meals will resume on November 28.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS will begin Saturday, December 1. Volunteers are needed to spend the night and to do laundry. Clothing and toiletry items are also needed. The sign-up sheet and list of needed items are on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

**SANTA FOR A SENIOR:** The deadline for donations is Monday, December 10. The boxes will be delivered to SCAN that day.

WREATH MAKING will take place Friday morning, November 30. Join us to assemble wreaths to decorate each door of the church for Christmas. Donations of magnolia leaves, berries, etc. are welcomed. Everyone is invited to participate.

### Keyboards at Christmas

Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Featuring choirs, organ, piano, and caroling.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### LEBANON, TENNESSEE

*Service for the Lord's Day* 

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2018

11:00 a.m.

#### THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

Prelude Chorale prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God"

I.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 50)

Leader: God the Lord speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: God says, "Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Leader: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord.

People: To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN No. 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Hope, you promise us a heavenly home to call our own,

but we are hesitant to claim it.

We don't believe in what we can't see.

We don't trust what we can't examine.

Our uncertain faith demands proof.

Our shaky faith demands results.

Our cynical faith demands assurances.

We confess that we fail to follow the path of the saints you sent before us.

Forgive us and redeem us, we pray. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

 $<sup>^{</sup>st}$  Those who are able are invited to stand.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is our salvation.

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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

#### **ANTHEM**

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Arlen Clarke

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.

Heav'n and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heav'n and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

**SERMON** Hebrews: Hope Unseen Rev. Sherard Edington

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN No. 275

God of Our Life

SANDON

#### \*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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Recit

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

\*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. 555

Now Thank We All Our God

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Postlude

Fantasia on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfried Karg-Elert