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. Please speak to the pastor or a member of the Session 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 12:15 p.m. Congregational Care **Monday** 6:00 p.m. Disciple Class **Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. Preschool 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice **Wednesday** No Activities

Thursday

Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving Friday Office Closed

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NO WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will be no dinner on Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS: Volunteers are needed to spend a Saturday night and to do laundry during the week. Donations of clothing and toiletry items are also needed. A sign-up sheet and list are on the bulletin board in the back hallway. The Outreach Committee appreciates all those providing their time and talent. Compassionate Hands begins Saturday, December 2.

WREATH MAKING will take place Friday, December 1, at 9:00 am. Join us to assemble wreaths to decorate the doors of the church for Advent/Christmas. Donations of magnolia leaves, berries, etc. are welcomed. Everyone is invited to participate.

SANTA FOR A SENIOR: Again this year, the church has agreed to play Santa to 12 people in the Senior Citizens Awareness Network (SCAN) program in Wilson County. SCAN is a nonprofit organization that reaches out to the county's elderly population and addresses the needs of isolated, lonely, at risk and financially challenged seniors.

Twelve members of our congregation have agreed to be sponsors this year and have already received an individualized Wish List for each senior. However, on the wall over the boxes we set up in the back hallway is a bulletin board with additional items needed. **Please take a look at the board and, if possible, take one of the requests, buy twelve of the item, and put one in each box.** Deadline is Monday, December 11.

KEYBOARDS AT CHRISTMAS: Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors. Keyboards at Christmas will be here December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day November 19, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION	
Prelude	Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord
Chiming the Hour	

Buxtehude

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 90)

- Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- Leader: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- People: For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.
- Leader: Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.People: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

***HYMN NO. 551** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, your presence in our lives is a mystery, however we demand a timetable of all your activities. Your radiance encircles us, yet we choose to live in darkness. We confess that we are too willing to embrace distractions and we ignore the signs of your reign. We fear your wrath instead of rejoicing in your promise of salvation. Forgive us, Lord. May we always be alert to the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we confess our sins we become open to the promise of God's 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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy arr. Mark Schweizer

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at this word;

and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Sermon

Focused on Faith: Be Awake

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

^{*}Нүми No. 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*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	In My Beloved God I Trust	Buxtehude
*Doxology	C C	
Praise God fron	ı whom all blessings flow;	
Praise Him, all	creatures here below;	
Praise Him abo	ve, ye heavenly host:	
Praise Father, S	on, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
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SENDING FORTH

[*] Нумn No. 555	Now Thank We All Our God	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
*Charge and Benediction *Choral Response		
Postlude	We Bless Thee, Jesus Christ Our Lord	Buxtehude

Children are invited to come forward.