

# First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Consecration Sunday

November 19, 2017

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Prelude in D Minor"  
J.S. Bach

#### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
And also with you.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Keep silence before the Lord God!  
**The day of the Lord is at hand.**  
Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #336 "We Gather Together"

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us  
and made us children of light. Yet we reside in  
darkness. We settle for the seeming security and  
comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked  
away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us  
to live in faith, investing in the world you made--to  
exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing**

them. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help  
us understand your will for us. Teach us what you  
desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you  
have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter  
your joy.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Malachi 3:8-12 (p. 778)

ANTHEM "I Will Come To You"  
David Haas  
arr. Kenneth Williams

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*\*Children ages 4-3rd grade leave for Children's Worship

INTERLUDE "Lord, Prepare Me"  
John Thompson, Randy Scruggs

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 807)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What to Do With a Grain of Rice"  
Rev. Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter  
Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p.35)*

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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "This is my Father's World"  
arr. Chris Rice

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

\*COMMITMENT TIME Rev. Warner Durnell

\*POSTLUDE "Welcome Happy Morning"  
John Sciveyner

#### WORSHIP NOTES

**Tracy Jackson** is today's liturgist.  
**Eric Salyer** is today's audio-visual specialist.  
**Carolyn Riggins** is interim Music Director.  
**Kenneth Williams** is interim organist.  
**\*Please stand if you are able.**  
**\*\*Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the  
church office.**

We are pleased to have the **Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha  
Sinfonia** from Austin Peay State University as our  
musicians today.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, November 19 CONSECRATION SUNDAY

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

11:00am Lunch

4:00pm Middle/High School Groups @ AOC

### Monday, November 20

9-12 Preschool Event

5:00pm Theology on Tap @ Shoney's

### Tuesday, November 21

9-12 Preschool Event

5:30pm Yoga

### Wednesday, November 22

No Preschool

10:00am Bible Study group meets in the library

6:00pm Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

### Thursday, November 23 OFFICE CLOSED

### Friday, November 24 OFFICE CLOSED

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will mail a letter tomorrow to everyone who did not attend Consecration Sunday worship today, so **PLEASE, RIGHT NOW** take a moment to help us by tearing off the perforated part of your bulletin and writing your name on it in the space provided. Then, when the offering plate is passed later in the service, please put this portion of the bulletin with your name on it in the offering plate, so that we will know you were here and we will not send you a letter tomorrow!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOAVES & FISHES JINGLE BELLS FOOD DRIVE

L&F is asking for help with their food drive during the months of November and December. The list of items needed is in November's newsletter and posted on the board outside of the church office. Call Jill Crow (648-9529) or Susan Chapman (216-7275) for additional information.

**SPIRIT FEST DECEMBER 2, 2:00-5:00 pm** We will once again have artists, vendors and our sanctuary will be open for tours. There will be a live nativity, bounce houses, free hot cocoa & cookies, with Santa and live entertainment in the Downtown Commons. Enjoy an afternoon of food and fun and then relax and enjoy the parade. Don't miss the family fun event and the opportunity to extend hospitality to our downtown neighbors and Clarksville area residents!!

**THE ANGEL TREE** is the hall outside of the church office. Gifts should be returned unwrapped with child's name attached by **December 3**. Thank you.

**PW LUNCH** is **December 4 at 12:30pm**. Ladies come join us in the fellowship hall for our "Christmas Music Program." Lunch is \$11.00. There are three ways to register (choose one, one time): 1) Call the office 2) Check RSVP Box for PW Dinner on Information Tear-Off Card 3) Bulletin Board sign-up sheet.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

December 2 Spirit Fest Save the Date!

December 3 Angel Tree gifts due (see announcement)

December 4 PW Lunch

December 10 Cantata Service of Lessons and Carols/Dinner

December 17 Children's Pageant

December 18 School Christmas Break begins

December 24 Christmas Eve Services\*

December 25 Christmas OFFICE CLOSED

December 26 OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas

January 1 OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's Day

**\*CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 10:00am AND 6:00pm.**

## MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Member(s)                       Visitor(s)  
 Members indicate if there are changes in information.  
 I will attend PW Lunch    I need child care

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):

Fellowship   Sunday School   Small Group Study  
Meet with Pastor   Baptism   Membership   Choir

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wifi

To connect and use Wifi while you are in the building:

Network: FPCGuest

Password: Welcome2fpc

### PRAYER CHAIN

**Diane Miner** will lead the prayer chain as this time. Please contact Diane with praises and concerns at cell 931-249-5273, home 931-648-4821.

**GIVING ENVELOPES** Named and numbered envelopes are in the hallway outside the church office. If you are interested in using envelopes, please contact Michelle.

### HELP WANTED!

The Bicentennial Steering Committee solicits your help! We need volunteers for these sub-committees: Remembrance, Celebration, and Vision. Forms are available in the church office. Thank you.

**PW** is still accepting recipes for their cookbook. Instructions and forms are in Monica's office.