

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—
**the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward
wholeness.**

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the
Lord—

**teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and
nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living
Lord—

the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.

Let us worship the Lord together!

*HYMN # 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless
words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash
out in anger, when we could reach out with**

**kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and
tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us,
we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the
grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to
work for reconciliation in our homes and our
communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach
us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one
another, and draw near to your presence.**

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 Psalm 119:1-8 (p. 493)

ANTHEM "God Be In My Head"
-John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

** Children PreK-Elementary leave for Children's Worship

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:21-37 (p. 786)

Holy Wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

SERMON "A to Z"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #410 "God Is Calling Through The Whisper"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967 (9.08, Adapted)*

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized
once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his
own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys,
and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word
and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful
men and women. But his complete obedience led
him into conflict with his people. His life and
teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations,
and national hopes. Many rejected him and
demanded his death. In giving himself freely for
them, he took upon himself the judgment under
which everyone stands convicted. God raised him
from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and
Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the
victory over sin and death for all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN# 546 "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Maggie Glenn is today's Liturgist.

Rick Prall is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

Ethan McCrary is today's IT Web Specialist.

Beth Glover is Interim Director of Music

Yong Pak is Interim Accompanist

David Chamberlin Organist

*Please stand if you are able.

** Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the
church office.

We are excited to welcome David Chamberlin from
Bigelow as our organist today!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, February 16

9:00am Adult, Youth & Children SS Classes

10am Worship

11am Meet & Greet for Everyone

11:30am Young Adult "Gathering" (see announcement)

4pm Les Kerr and the Bayou Band @ Grace Lutheran

4pm Middle & High School Youth Meeting

Monday, February 17

Office Closed for President's Day

5:00pm Theology on Tap/Don Pablo's

Tuesday, February 18

5pm Yoga

Wednesday, February 19

10am Bible Study with Pastor

5pm Family Dinner/Activity Night (see announcement)

6pm Handbells

7pm Senior Highs at CFA on Madison

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 20

8:30am Yoga

9:30am Pickleball

12pm Staff Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING Join us TODAY and every third Sunday of each month! We meet after the service, in the chapel and head out together to a nearby restaurant! Childcare is provided in our Nursery.

FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT, February 19 @ 5pm. Need help with organization? Join us for dinner and then stay for a class in organization conducted by **Stephanie Belanger**. **Pastor Greg** has begun an advanced Bible Study for those who enjoy a more in depth look at Scripture. There will be fun activities for the children as well!



12th ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS CLARKSVILLE,

February 25. There will be three lunch sites and 5 dinner sites this year. First Presbyterian will be hosting a dinner site beginning at **4:30-7pm**. The dinner will include soup, bread, dessert, and a hand painted bowl. Tickets can be purchased through the church office or online at BIDPAL.NET/EB20. Proceeds will be benefitting Urban Ministries, Loaves & Fishes, and Food Initiative. Contact Kris Foust if you would like to volunteer.

FAMILY DINNER & ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE,

February 26. Dinner will be served @ 5pm followed by a special service in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING with Pastor Greg beginning **March 2 @ 7:30am** in the Sanctuary. This prayer service is open to anyone. Join us for a special time of prayer as we enter the season Lent.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT, March 13-15 at

NaCoMe. We will have a weekend full of devotions, fun, and fellowship! Sign ups will be limited to 15 overnight guests. Saturday only guests are also welcomed! The cost will be \$175-200 (this could decrease depending on participation). The sign up sheet is on the PW bulletin board and the deadline for sign up is **Thursday, February 27**. Contact Rhonda Banasiak if you have any questions.

MEN'S WORK TRIP, Friday April 17-19. Our Annual Men's Work Retreat will be for an entire weekend! We will ride the bus down to NaCoMe on Friday and return mid-afternoon on Sunday. This trip is open to all men ages 6th grade and up – father/son combos are encouraged! Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Cost is \$55. The deadline to register is **Sunday, April 5**. For more information, please call Mark Banasiak at 931-980-8185.

SAVE THE DATE! PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING, April 25. Hello all Presbyterian Women! Please save the date and make plans to attend our Spring Gathering. The event will be held at **First Presbyterian Church at 101 Legends Club Lane in Franklin, TN.**

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

I am interested in the Children/Youth Programs. Please list name(s) & age(s) of children.

Prayer Requests: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 25 Empty Bowls Dinner (see announcement)

February 26 Ash Wednesday Service

March 2 Weekly Prayer Meeting Begins (see announcement)

March 13-15 Women's Retreat @ NaCoMe (see announcement)

April 17 Men's Work Retreat (see announcement)

April 25 Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering (see announcement)

SECURITY TEAM In the interest of tightening church safety and developing a security team, Kris Foust would like to know those of you in the congregation with current carry permits. Please email (hedstromkris3@gmail.com) or call (931-216-7801).

ATTENTION! If you use the church parking lot during the week you must display a FPC hang tag on your mirror or dashboard. You also need to be parking in the spaces on the Main Street side of the lot. The other spaces are rented and managed by the county on our behalf. Without a tag you are at risk of being towed. If you need a hang tag, they are