



Service for the Lord's Day
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025



Jesus heals the woman with a bent back on a Sabbath. Artist: J.S. Humfleet

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus? Luke told the story of Jesus and his disciples by detailing what it means to be a disciple of the rabbi Jesus. A disciple loves her neighbor (Luke 10:25-37); a disciple loves the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (10:38-42); a disciple prays (11:1-13), gives God a thought (12:13-21), expects the return of his Master (12:32-40), and discerns the time (12:49-56). To be a disciple of Jesus takes love of God and neighbor, praying without ceasing, being centered on God instead of your belly button, living with the great expectation of the return of Jesus to bring in the kingdom of God, and discerning the time. This Sunday we discover that a disciple keeps the Sabbath a holy day of rest and worship. (13:10-17) Jesus frees us from the daily rhythm of work and consumption of as much as we can get and gives us rest, renewal, and regeneration, which is what First Prez provides for all through the grace of Christ.

As most of our church and friends now know, earlier in the week I announced that I have accepted a position as the full-time, transitional (interim) Pastor at FPC – Tullahoma. Our last Sunday together will be in Worship on August 31st. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following Worship on August 31st for the purpose of dissolving our Pastor/Congregation relationship effective on that date. Our Presbytery of Middle Tennessee Stated Clerk Mary Catherine Sevier, with the agreement of the Commission of Ministry, will moderate the meeting of the congregation after worship. The Presbytery will coach First Prez through the process of calling an installed pastor and before that will assist in finding an interim minister, if the church wants to have one. We have much to celebrate in our ministry together as pastor and the Presbyterian body of Christ in Shelbyville and ask for God's providential guidance as we each begin our new journeys. The Morans are deeply thankful for our time at First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Thank you for your love, many acts of kindness, and continued prayers in the years to come. Truly it has been our honor to serve our Lord together side by side. You, your families, and First Prez will remain a part of our prayer lives. Denise and I wish you God's rich blessings and continued growth in God's love, in Biblical knowledge and faith, and in Christian stature.

May the love of God fill us all with love until our cup overflows,

Jim



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Preparation for Worship (reading before the service for quiet meditation)

On the Twenty-First Day of his A Diary of Private Prayer, John Baillie (1886-1960), Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, recorded this morning prayer: "O Holy Spirit of God visit now this soul of mine, and tarry within it until eventide. Inspire all my thoughts. Pervade all my imaginations. Suggest all my decisions. Lodge in my will's most inward citadel and order all my doings. Be with me in my silence and in my speech, in my haste and in my leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give me grace at all times to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship. *My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.*" (p. 89; the italics is a quote from the last line of the fourth verse hymn #326 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" written by George Croly in 1854.)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "On Mount Olive" (Kern) Dr. Michael Hooper

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Jim Moran
(Please sign the "Friendship Pad" and make a note if you have a hymn request or information for the Pastor or church office.)

Minute for Mission "Our Cub Scouts" Shayne LeMaster

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 92: 1-5) Brent Canady

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

People: **To declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night.**

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

People: **For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the work of Your hands I sing for joy.**

Leader: How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

***Hymn** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #446

***Call to Confession** (1John 1:9-10)

Leader: John writes, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: **"If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." In penitence for sinning and by trusting God's faithfulness, let us confess our sins:**

*** Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Omnipresent Shepherd of Your sheep, hear our prayer of penitence for the sins we have committed by not following You more closely. We are sorry for the wrongs we have done and beseech Your mercy. You, O Shepherd King and God, care for us deeply and provide for our daily needs generously, but we rely on our own power and take full credit for all we have. Forgive our stubborn independence and belief that we live solely by our own devices. You call us to turn the other cheek, to give away our extra coat, to walk the extra mile, but we ignore the needs of another. Forgive our inability to forgive or have compassion. May the light of our Lord Jesus shine brightly upon each of us and brighter and brighter within our church, by the power and name of our Messiah Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheepfold called First Presbyterian Church.

(silent prayer of confession)

*Indicates standing for those who are able.

***Assurance of Pardon**

(1 Peter 1:3, 8-9)

Leader: To the exiles of the Dispersion, Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...."

People: **Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."**

Leader: We believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

A Time for Young Christians (Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

Kate Canady

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Page 227, NT Pew Bible

Meditation

"Surely The Presence Of The Lord" (Harper)

Dr. Michael Hooper

Gospel Reading

Luke 13: 10-17

Page 76, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"Sabbath Loosing"

Rev. Dr. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

"The Shorter Catechism" (7.057-7.058, 7.060, [The Book of Confessions](#))

Q. 57. Which is the Fourth Commandment?

A. The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Q. 58. What is required in the Fourth Commandment?

A. The Fourth Commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 60. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

"Near To The Heart Of God"

#527

***Charge**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: **Freed from sin and for love, we shall live to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.**

***Benediction**

Go forth now as God's servant. Remember God's presence often and draw strength from the knowledge that the One who calls and sends also sustains. Amen.

***Congregational Benediction Response**

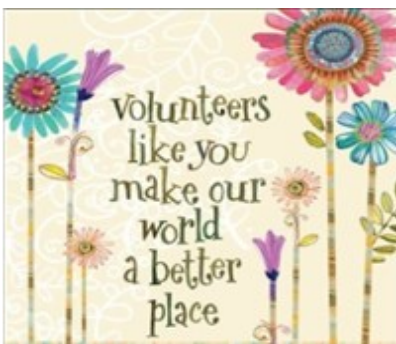
"May The Lord, Mighty God"

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

***Postlude**

"Our King and Our Sovereign, Lord Jesus" (Mendoza)

Dr. Michael Hooper



Children's Sunday School Teachers - Your help is needed!

We are asking for volunteers to sign up for just one month of Sundays to spend time with and teach the precious children of our church. You may sign up to teach by yourself, teach as a couple, or teach with a friend. Curriculum will be provided. We have two classes - PreK - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 5th grade. Reach out to Christy Jensen, or any member of the Faith Development Committee to volunteer or with any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.

Children's Church Leaders - Your help is needed!

We need additional volunteers for our Children's Church ministry! You pick the Sunday! Curriculum will be provided. Reach out to Christy Jensen, or any member of the Faith Development Committee to volunteer or with any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.

Reminder: Children's Church is the time during our service when the children go downstairs to have their own worship time.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST
3:00 – 4:00 PM



Rally Day, Sunday, September 7

Join us as we kick off our Sunday School season with breakfast beginning at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL are welcome to attend!**

And for those of you who **"would be happy to bring something"** here's your opportunity!! The Faith Development Committee would love to have additional volunteers bringing breakfast foods to share!



**The Book Club is meeting on
 Friday, August 29th, 9:30am at
 Never Rest Park.
 They will be discussing
 "The Rent Collector"
 By Camron Wright.**



Memorials



In Memory of Margaret Taylor Smith		In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek
Donation to the Backpack Fund:		Donation to the Greg Garner Fund:
Janie Burke	James Milliken Sr.	Doak Howell Funeral Homes
Doak Howell Funeral Homes	Randy & Barbara Owen	Sheri Emerson
Sheri Emerson	Charles Paris, MD	Betty Fox
Raychelle Flannagan	James Paris	Helen Garner
Joe & Pamela Galbreth	Donna & JH Sepull	Sarah Hunt
Helen Garner	James & Lori Smith	Randy & Barbara Owen
Frances Hayes	Kenneth & Gladys Smith	Donna & JH Sepull
Sarah Hunt	Dr. Charles Stimpson & Dr. Carol Magnuson	In Memory of David Carmac Kee
Tony Matusek	Dan Townes	Donation to the Backpack Fund:
Shirley McGee	Frances Woody	Terry & Ginny Saylor
		Ginger Bobo Shofner

Calendar

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Monday, August 25, 2025

Sermon Roundtable 10:00am

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, August 28, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, August 29, 2025

Office is Closed

Book Club at Never Rest Park 9:30am

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Parent's Day Out Open House 3:00-4:00pm

Monday, September 1, 2025

Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Parent's Day Out Starts Back

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, September 4, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm



August 27 Taylor Smith

August 30 Frieda Bone

August 31 David Segroves

August 31 Jed Stimpson



If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.



LCDR Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Airman Caleb Fletcher (Grandson of Susan Spears)

Pvt. Oscar Taylor Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

Airman Anna Powell (Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran

(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

Those in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.



Melanie Abraham (Brent Canady's Cousin)

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Donna Cox (Tommy Anderton's Sister)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Bill Garner (Helen Garner's Brother-in-law)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Barbara Heuer (Raychelle Flannagan's Aunt)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Mike Jenne (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Family & Friends of David Kee (Member)

Evie Marsh (Church Family)

Family & Friends of Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Tony Matusek (Member)

Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)

Family & Friends of Ruth Parsons (Blair Turner's Grandmother)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Family & Friends of Margaret Smith (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

Megan Wallace (Jim Flannagan's Sister)

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)



Sunday, August 24, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
James & Lori Smith
Grace Wilhelm
Charlotte Williams
 Lay Liturgist
Brent Canady

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Terry Saylor
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Belinda Craig
 Nursery
Debbie Snell
 Flowers

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Brent Canady
Jim & Kathy Ikard
Kristin Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist:
Charlotte Williams

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
James Smith

Children's Church
Sandy Yount
 Nursery
Katherine Marsh
 Flowers

Sunday, September 07, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Belinda Craig
Helen Garner
Bailey & Trena Little
 Lay Liturgist
Kate Canady
 Communion Prep:
 Communion Servers:

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Willie Snell
 Acolyte

Christy Jensen
Aaron & Connie Crafton

Children's Church
Kristin Wilhelm
 Nursery
Lisa Turner
 Flowers

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Nancy June Brandon
Rob Marsh
Jim & Kathy Ikard
 Lay Liturgist
Brent Canady

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Roy Turner
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Katherine Marsh
 Nursery
Christy Jensen
 Flowers



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.