



Shelbyville
First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025



Works of Mercy by [Pierre Montallier](#), 1680

Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):

Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still Good News worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing
Praise the Lord

"Alive and Breathing" written by Elle Limebear / Matt Maher

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Allein Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ" (Zachau)

Chancel Choir

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Jim Ikard

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

Introit

"In Christ Alone" (Townsend and Getty)

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship (Psalm 16:5, 7-11, [The Message](#))**

Jim Ikard

Leader: My choice is You, God, first and only. And now I find I'm Your choice!

People: The wise counsel God gives when I'm awake is confirmed by my sleeping heart.

Leader: Day and night I'll stick with God; I've got a good thing going and I'm not letting go.

People: I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed.

Leader: You canceled my ticket to hell – that's not my destination!

People: Now You've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of Your face.

All: Ever since You took my hand, I'm on the right way.

***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.

***Hymn**

"We Gather Together"

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***Indicates standing for those who are able.**



*Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, our gracious and loving Creator, Whose character reveals an attitude of benevolent generosity, we confess we have not always been generous toward You or our neighbor in need. We have hoarded love, been skimpy in compassion and stingy with forgiveness, while expecting Your lavish blessings. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us, lest we be robbed of the joy of generous living and giving, even as in Christ You have given so extravagantly to us.

(time of silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

(Romans 6:8, 11)

Leader: "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

People: So you must also consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ."

All: We believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

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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.

Anthem

"Sing Joy! Make A Beautiful Noise!" (Bennet)

Chancel Choir

A Time for Young Christians

(Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

Connie Crafton

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:7

Page 688, OT Pew Bible

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25: 40

Page 29, NT Pew Bible

Message

"Sheltering With Purpose"

John Hall

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (p.14, Hymnal)

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.

The Offertory

"Largo from New World Symphony" (Dvorak/ arr. Flynn)

Chancel Choir

***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**

"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"

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***Benediction**

(Jude 24-25)

Now to Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

***Benediction Response**

"Glorify Thy Name" (Adkins)

Chancel Choir

Taking out the Light of Christ

***Postlude**

"Bring Near Thy Great Salvation" (Dykes)

Dr. Michael Hooper

Gift Fund Requests

The Church Gift Fund Committee is receiving requests from members of the church, groups and/or committees for disbursements from the Memorial Fund. These requests for funds will **NOT** be used in the everyday operating expenses of the church.

These requests MUST:

- ~ Be made in writing and turned into the church office
- ~ Be very specific in purpose and amount
- ~ Have NO more than one request from a particular group or individual

Each request submitted will be evaluated based on the following guidelines:

1. To provide furnishing for the church, including worship accouterments, furniture, equipment, decorations, library resources, landscaping or other items to enhance the church, its worship, its work and/or its programs.
2. To respond to special and/or unanticipated opportunities for outreach within or beyond our community.
3. To help provide support for members of our church engaged in the theological education in preparation for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Gift Fund Committee members are: Bailey Little (Chair), Sarah Natale (Clerk of Session), Helen Garner (Session Member), Kristin Wilhelm (Session Member), Melanie Hamilton (Congregation-at-large) , Richard Smith (Congregation-at-large) , Lori Smith (Mission Chair)

**Need more information, have questions...speak with a committee member or call the church office.

Request MUST be received by: Wed., Nov. 26th



JOHN HALL

- Married to my wife Joan for 57 years
- Retired after serving 28 years in the Marine Corps
- Worked at Marshal Space Flight Center, NASA in Huntsville for 8 years
- We moved to Shelbyville, Tennessee upon my retirement from the Marine Corps 28 years ago
- Proud to call Shelbyville and Bedford County our home
- Serving our community as volunteer election day machine operator for the past 3 years and as a member of the Community Outreach Partnership at their food bank and household assistance center
- Member of Fair Haven Baptist Church for 18 years, serving as deacon and on the mission and benevolence committees
- Became lead coordinator for the Dangerous Weather Warming Shelter after Fair Haven Baptist Church agreed to host it—filling a critical need in Bedford County

All members of our Youth and Your Families are invited to.....

A Tailgating *Friendsgiving*

Sunday, November 16th
5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

*Please bring your favorite tailgate food to share

Dress in your favorite team colors

Please let Kate know how many
members of your family are
attending. Plan on a lot of fun!



Upcoming Youth Activities

Nov. 23 Youth Breakfast Club

Hanging of the Greens

No Afternoon Youth

Calendar

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Youth Friendsgiving at the Church 5:00pm

Monday, November 17, 2025

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
Session Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm
Boys & Girls Club - Fellowship Hall 3:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, November 20, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, November 21, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Sunday School 9:00am
Youth Breakfast Club 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Hanging of the Greens after Worship Service



November 17

Geneva Melson

November 18

Everett Marsh

November 19

Pat Thompson

November 20

Grace Wilhelm

November 20

Isabella Cobb



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)

Those in Military Service and their families.

Those who are serving abroad and at home.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Patricia Farrar (Daughter of Pat Thompson)

Carol Filczer (Sister of Angie/Church Secretary)

Bill Garner (Brother-in-law of Helen Garner)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Alan Gill (Brother In Law of Belinda Craig)

Emily Hall (Daughter of Dr. Carol Magnusson)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

JD Idso (Deann Idso's Son)

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

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Tony Matusek (Member)

Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)

Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Jeremiah Thomas (Grandson of Pat Thomas)

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)

♥ SERVERS ♥

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Christy Jensen	Connie Crafton	MA Higgs
Sarah Natale	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Willie & Debby Snell	Lisa Turner	Katherine Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Jim Ikard	Evie Marsh	

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Brent Canady	David Wood	Bea Marsh
James & Lori Smith	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Charlotte Williams	Roy Turner	Lisa Turner
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Rob Marsh	Charlie Turner	

Sunday, November 30, 2025

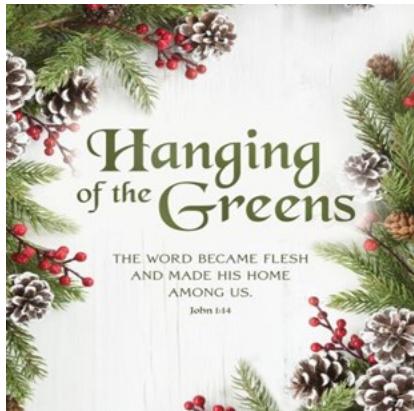
Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Bailey & Trena Little	Connie Crafton	MA Higgs
Pat Marsh	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Pat Thomas	Willie Snell	Raychelle Flannagan
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Kate Canady		

Sunday, December 07, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Nancy June Brandon	Kate Canady	Bea Marsh
Helen Garner	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Jim & Cathy Ikard	James Smith	Christy Jensen
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Brent Canady		
Communion Prep:	Richard & Kristin Wilhelm	
Communion Servers:	Mary Brown, Belinda Craig, Jim Ikard	



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



"Hanging of the Greens"

Please join us immediately following the Worship Service on November 23rd for the

"Hanging of the Greens"

as we prepare the sanctuary for the coming Advent Season. Many hands make light work!!