

This Week at FPC

Today: 9:10 Sunday School
10:10 Fellowship Coffee
10:30 Worship Service

Tuesday: 10:00 Staff Meeting
1:30 Worship Planning

Wednesday: 5:00 Children's Choirs
5:30-6:15 Dinner for all
6:15-7:00 Bible Studies for children through adults
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday: 10:00 AM Discipleship Class

Today in Worship: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of William H. Dale Sr. by the Dale family.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the service today for the purpose of nominating members-at-large to serve on the All Church Nominating Committee.

Women's Retreat: Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Women's Retreat has been moved to March 13 and 14 at NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center. You still have time to sign up! Go to www.1stprescolumbia.org or call the church office at 388-1985.

Women's Bible Study: The Evening Circle will meet on February 18 @ 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Discipleship Class: Meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00 in the Chapel. This class is studying the book of Isaiah.

Volunteers Needed: **Center of Hope** is looking for 5-10 volunteers to help clean one of their shelters on Tuesday, February 18. They also need some light handy work if possible. Please contact Julie Crichton at jcrichton@charter.net or rfosterfpc@gmail.com if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed: **Common Threads** is moving to a larger building! They are looking for volunteers everyday this week, Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00. They need help with tagging items, sorting things that have been brought to the new building, hanging clothes, setting up areas and making things ready to sell. If you need more information you may contact Raven Martin at rmcmurr1@gmail.com or Dawn Taylor at the Family Center.

Caregiver Support Group: Our own Dr. Terry Hendrickson and Emily McKnight will be leading a caregiver support group on the third Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at NHC Columbia. Topics include self preservation while caring for others, dealing with health issues, and resources available for caregivers and their loved ones. Meetings are open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served. NHC is located at 5010 Trotwood Avenue, Columbia, TN

Office Hours: The church office will be closed Monday, February 17 in honor of Presidents' Day.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars for VBS! June 22-26.

Looking for a church family?: If you are looking for a church home we want to meet you and tell you more about First Church Columbia! Our next new member date is February 23. Members of the membership committee will be at the front of the chancel following the service to answer any questions you may have about the church.

If you have a pastoral care or concern, please call the church office at 931-388-1985 during office hours to receive Rev. Carrell's contact information.

Ministers of the church

All members of the congregation

Ruling Elders

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Frank Bellamy	Jean Mac Ball	Jack Baxter
John Chiles	Jeff Baxter	Gloria Dale
Wayne DeMoss	Pat Bridges	Martha Jones
Ed Harlan	Don Crichton	Lee Maddox
Beth Patton	Tonja Potts	Julia West

Board of Deacons

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Matt Campbell	Julie Crichton	Erin Hedrick
Ann Lewis	Joe Graham III	Raven Martin
Michael Lukens	Jenny Johns	Kristi Martin
Alicia Maddox	Janet McAlister	Alan Phillips
Karen Smith	Larry Nickell	Jenny Sloan
Louis Maddox		

Staff

Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education; Rev. Len Carrell, Pastor;
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;
James Marshall, Sexton; Eric Wyse, Organist

Care List

Your Cards and Prayers will Comfort and Touch

The **Care list** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list. You may use one of the **blue cards** in the pews. Simply address the card, write your note, and place it in the offering plate. We will see that it is delivered.

Our Prayers...

Barbara Butler (sister of Mary McClanahan), Lauren Brinkley (daughter-in-law of Ken & Sue Brinkley), Cindy West (sister-in-law of Jennie Grace Jewell), Sue Chiles, Candace Turner (friend of Jacque Marshall), Joe Graham III, Will Green, Steve Rampley (brother of Betty Sloan), Waymon Hickman, Don Piggins, Karen Hood (friend of Mary McClanahan), Gary Rampley (brother of Betty Sloan), Cathy Krenz, (sister of Mary McClanahan), Richard and Debbie Welch (our missionaries in Guatemala)



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ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

The good news is Jesus heals blindness, but there is something else clouding our vision. Is it that we see ourselves standing on higher moral ground? How can we remove a speck of sawdust from our neighbor's eye when a railroad beam is stuck in our own? We judge other people without truly seeing them for who they are. How can we judge our neighbor if we have yet to gaze into our own moral failures? We are all broken and flawed people, and to see our own brokenness allows us to see our neighbors with more compassionate vision. There are many things stuck in our eyes; prejudice and privilege, phobias and pride, personal power and profit. Harsh judgement will get us nowhere. Seeing our own messiness first can help build deeper connection and belonging.

801 South High Street
Columbia, Tennessee
Phone: 931-388-1985

February 16, 2020
10:30 AM

Gathered As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Kevin Whitehead
Room in the Inn

Voluntary

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PAUL MANZ

*Call to Worship:

God, you call us to gather
we ask you to meet us.

Help us to move from getting here, to being here.

God, you call us to worship
we ask you to teach us to pray.

Guide us with your presence and your living word.

God, you call us to receive your gifts of faith, hope and love
we pray "we believe, help our unbelief."

Invite us to new eyes and restored recognition.

*Hymn #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, how often do we speak senseless words
that are both harmful and untrue?**

**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 the relationships that give life?**

**How often do we view others through cloudy
eyes of prejudice and privilege?**

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.**

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria Patri #581

-Greatorex

*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.*

*Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Worship Time and they may be picked up in the nursery after the worship service.)

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6:22-23, 7:1-5

NT p. 6-7

Sermon

When we see us as God sees us

Rev. Len Carrell
Timothy Johnson

*Hymn #169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's 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.**

Prayers of the People 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**

Offertory Anthem *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

MARK EDWARDS

*Doxology #608

HOPSON

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #757 *Today We are Called to be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation

BEECHER

*Congregation, please stand as able

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Please request one from an usher.**