

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offertory Music

***The Doxology #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melick

Response: Gracious God, Hear our 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.

***Sending Hymn #295** *Go to the World*

***Charge and Benediction**

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***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

Roses to honor new arrivals

Brad & Mary Neavin's Grandson and Stella Davidson's Great Grandson,
Archer Neavin Barnes, son of Ashley & Jordan Barnes

George & Debbie Henry's Great Grandsons
Born April 8, Myles Scott Cottingim, son of Granddaughter Jenna &
Cade Cottingim

Born June 1, Callan Matthew Cottingim, son of Granddaughter Jordan &
Josh Cottingim

This Week at FPC

June 7 – 1:30pm, 4H meeting
June 10 – 11:00am and 6:30pm, Quest discussion Groups

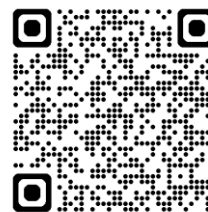
Mark Your Calendars

June 17 – 11:00am and 6:30pm, Quest discussion Groups
June 21 – Youth Mission Trip, Copperhill, TN
June 21 – Father's Day
June 28 – 12:00-2:00pm Big Backyard BBQ
July 13-15 – 6:00-8:00pm, Compassion Camp, all ages welcome

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following:
Spaghetti Sauce, Hygiene Items (deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, bar soap, etc...)

Blessing Box – Pop top meals, breakfast bars, fruit cups and hygiene items.

Giving QR Code



If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you!

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends
"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"
 ~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War
 Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
 Cy – pray for strength and healing
 Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
 Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
 Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home
 Ron Mickelson – continuing prayers
 Diane Kasten – recovery at home
 Russell DeLuca – severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline – Vancrest
 Alice Lindley

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army	Zack Pool/ Air Force
Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines	Jeremy Barnes/ Navy
Tanner Crabtree/ Army	Brett Barnes / Navy
Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy	Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve
Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy	Cliff Garey / Navy
Grant Davis / Army Reserve	Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force
Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy	Drew Roach / Navy
Grace Wagner/Basic Training	Ryan Hall / Army
Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now	Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard
Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard	

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

Special Music Arnah Rudicil

Children's Message *The Sower* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Susan Schaurer

Old Testament Psalm Reading *Psalm 121*

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Exodus 13:17-21*

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Leaving Home* Rev. Melick

Reflection Time Questions to Ponder

Imagine yourself in the doorway of your home, about to take a step into a journey into the unknown. What are you feeling? Anticipation? Anxiety? Excitement?

Do you feel drawn to new things or dread facing the unknown?

What is your relationship to the rest of the world? Curious? Familiar? Lost? Frightened? Do you have childhood memories of attitudes about "local and global?" Were they positive? Did you get the opportunity to know more through travel? Were you exposed to education about other places?

***Reflection Hymn #741** (verses 1,2,3,4) *Guide My Feet*

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Melick

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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church
Quest: The Awakened Traveler, Leaving Home
June 7, 2026

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Melick

Prelude

Call to Worship Susan Schaurer

Opening Prayer Susan Schaurer

***Opening Hymn #65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace Susan Schaurer
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone. Forgive us when we turn away. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: Know this: At the moment of despair and unknowing, Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road. He is our constant companion and invites us always to break open our lives and share, traveling together toward the Kingdom of Love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen!

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Our Response of Praise – #581** *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.

Week One: Leaving Home

Leaving home can be filled with anticipation and excitement, but also trepidation about the unknown. When the going got rough in the desert, the Israelites began to pine for Egypt, even though it was a place where they had been enslaved. Sometimes leaving the familiar, even when we know we must all at some point do this, can seem overwhelming. Embarking on a new adventure into the unfamiliar, such as a new job or new relationship or a new travel route, can often lead to a moment of questioning: “why did I think this was a good idea?” Of course, further down the road, we often see the advantages, we learn and grow in ways we could not have if we had not left the comfort of the known. This is where trust and faith come in... at the beginning of the journey we have to remember that God has always been present and this will not change. We, like the Psalmist, “look to the hills” from whence our help comes—the Divine One who knows our “going out” and guides us by opening our eyes to the wonder of the way.

Rick Steves says that the opposite of fear is understanding. And the only way to understand life and the world better is to expand our horizons, which in turn expands our perspectives. Check out this wonderful clip, “Why We Travel: To Connect with Our World.”

As you listen to Rick’s list of the benefits of travel (honesty, authenticity, more tolerant, etc.), which ones seem “worth the risk” to you of stepping out the door and into an adventure? What mindsets are we in need of changing in order to live out the commission to love our neighbor as ourselves? Scan this QR code to go to the video.



In this clip from the “Travel as a Spiritual Act” webinar with Tammy Gieselman and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (they’ve generously agreed to allow us to excerpt the webinar!), Rick talks about his feeling that “the road is church.”



What kind of things have you experienced (or would like to experience) that broaden your perspective about life and spirituality and connection to a larger world?

In another clip, we get a to hear more about where Rick experiences “spirituality” in his travels. This is a wonderful testament to wide-eyed wonder whether in a small church, a grand cathedral, or having a literal “mountaintop experience.” As he says at the end, “we can never run out of ways to get closer to God.”



Can you recall instances and/or places where you felt “closer to God?”

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June 7, 2026

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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