

* Congregation stands

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *O Lord, We Praise Thee* Scheidemann

Words of Welcome

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalms 124: 1-8)*

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

People: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

Leader: Then the flood would have swept us away;
the torrent would have gone over us;

People: Then over us would have gone the raging water.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

**People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.**

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

* Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

In the midst of a world confusing and chaotic, we turn to you, most holy One. We confess distractions, the worries of money or health, the lures of quick fixes or easy living, that often turn our sight from you. Our gaze falls on worldly responses to your eternal promises of wholeness and life, and we lose the distinctiveness that sets our faith apart. Diverted from you, we also lead others astray.

In your mercy, O Lord, forgive us. Set our sights once again on you, that all we do might reveal your claim on us, that we might live the new life you promise and share your good news with all. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Word of God

First Lesson

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22

Second Lesson

James 5: 13-20

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Broken For You

Lantz

Children's Message

* Gospel Lesson

Mark 9: 38-50

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“A Place No One Wants To Go”

Dr. Cheetham

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 2236

Gather Us In

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* Offertory Prayer

Offertory

When On the Cross the Savior Hung

Scheidt

* Doxology

Hymn 592

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: O God of majesty, you are holy, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord, who has joined us together as members of his body, the Church.

We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the
promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home, where we will sit at
the table with Christ, our host. Remembering your grace given
through Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup, and
joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming
again.

**People: Accept this, our sacrifice of praise, O God, as a living and holy
offering of ourselves to your service. Nurture us at this, your table, that
we may be united together in one faith and service and
nourished to proclaim your love and grace in all that we do. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Celebration.

Sending Forth

* Hymn 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Lay Reader: Becky Burris

Worship Notes: This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of communion, also called the Lord's Supper. A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward grace. This means that the bread and grape juice symbolize God's love for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Church believes that the elements stay the same but acknowledges the special presence of Christ in and around the elements through the Holy Spirit. This is a powerful opportunity to commune with Jesus, our Savior and Lord, and be reminded of his love for us.

All those who have been baptized are welcomed to the Lord's Table. This is not a right, but a privilege. It is a call to confess your sins and opportunity to renew your faith. We ask that you hold the elements so everyone can eat the bread or drink the cup together as this symbolizes our unity in Christ.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
Tuesday	9:45 am	Morning Circle
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Fellowship
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	52	Offering	\$ 2,535.00
Sunday School	52	Weekly Need	5,354.00
Sanctuary Service	73	Through Aug	163,705.15

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner October 4th, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night's program will be Monroe Harding.

All reservations must be received by Tuesday morning. To make a reservation, call the church office or sign up on the attendance slip inside the bulletin. You can now make your reservation on line at www.fpclebanon.org.

Polish Sausage w/sauerkraut, Au gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Green Salad, Rolls, Dessert Prayer Concerns

Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Claudine Prowell	Don Denney	Isa Carroll
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Thayer & Alice Smith	Betty Eshelman	Lesla Fletcher
Mary Helen Averitt	Maclynn Crawford	Debbie McClure
Sara Thompson	Debbie York	Sue Patton Guy
Sherry Arnold	Aubrey Roney	Julie Pepper
Marjorie Nabbe	Cecilia White	Barbara Mullins
Stan Williams	John Angles	Valerie Eblin
Joseph Clemons	Julie Stephens	Grace Garrard
Jerry Gray	Shirley Walfus	Debbie Sharp
Martha Anderson	Debbie Brinner	Johnnie Keel
Jeremy Stubblefield	Jim Robbins	Charles Lambert
Jerry Pentecost	Donna Goliher	George Donnell
Jessie Ruth Hall	Charles Cowden Sr.	Mary Keiph
Kathy Keith	Sean Barber	Alba Telez
Pat Bone	Bonnie Hall Major	Barbara Kelley

Military

Kevin Alseys	Kyle Kaker	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	James Scott	Noah Evans
Luke Baker	Mike Matthys	Jeff Scott
Blake Beckman	David Midgett	Jeremy Scott
Jaymon Bell	Jason Nolley	Jason Sellars
Michael O'Neil	Jason Redmon	Lee Smith
Matthew Humes	Stewart Beaumont	

The Church Session

Brenda Thaxton, Clerk of Session

2006

Joe Adams
Jimmie Crawford
Brenda Thaxton
Lois Ann Wauford

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanius

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