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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 3, 2021

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

**PRELUDE** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Diederich Buxtehude

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT** *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 147*

**Leader:** How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**People:** He is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**Leader:** The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**People:** He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**Leader:** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**People:** His understanding is beyond measure.

**All:** Praise the Lord!

**HYMN NO. 29**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**People:** Let us follow the light.

**Leader:** Jesus brings light to the world and forgives our sins. This is the good news.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

## THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## ANTHEM

*What Child Is This?*

Greensleeves

*What Child is this who, laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?*

*Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.*

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

*Refrain:*

*This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us  
today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the  
bread of heaven. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.*

### SERMON

*Going Home*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' 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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### 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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

### HYMN NO. 423

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

### POSTLUDE

*In Thee Is Joy*

J.S. Bach

**WORSHIP NOTES** – Today's organ postlude is *In Thee is Joy* (*In dir ist Freude*) by Johann Sebastian Bach. This piece was written for the **Orgelbüchlein** (Little Organ Book) which is a set of 46 chorale preludes for organ. Bach composed most of these between 1708 and 1717 when he served as organist to the ducal court in Weimar. Each piece in this collection represents different seasons of the church's liturgical year (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, etc.).

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 20, 6:00 p.m.

*White Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread and Dessert*

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by noon on Friday, January 15.

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THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of Brent Hurd upon his death on December 27.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 – If you would like to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones on a particular Sunday in 2021, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

SUNDAY DRIVE – Today, at 12:30 p.m., hop into your car and head over to the church for a **Sunday Drive**. We are going to create a caravan of cars to drive to the homes of several church members and wave and shout hello. It should last less than an hour and will be great fun.

## YOUTH

Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) – Youth Group will resume on January 20.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Sunday Drive

### Monday

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Blood Drive  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Friday

### Saturday



American Red Cross



January 6, 2pm to 6pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
304 West Main Street  
Lebanon, TN

Visit: [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

Help save a life.  
Schedule your  
blood donation  
appointment today.

Search: [FirstPresbyterian](https://www.FirstPresbyterian.org)

## ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Pat Bone	Suanne Bone	Becky Burris
Robin Orewiler	Don Goodwin	Jessica Fain
Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Mickey Stueck
Kim Wall	David Howell	

## DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
Marty Bone	Lee Lyle	Marilyn Peyton
Linda Gatlin	Sandra Patton	Laura Simmons
Pat Hatcher	Emily Peyton	Margaret Ann Trail

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – John Foutch  
Budget & Finance –  
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell  
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck  
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson  
Outreach – Robin Orewiler  
Personnel – Suanne Bone  
Worship – Pat Bone

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist – J. D. Plant  
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Brown  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Atypical Class
Preschool – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Cross Roads Class
Elementary Class	Faith Builders Class
Middle School Class	Westminster Class
High School Class	Women's Class

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