

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



February 18, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*First Sunday in Lent*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

**PRELUDE**                      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Roger C. Wilson

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 25*

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

People: For you are the God of my salvation;  
For you I will wait all day long.

**\*HYMN NO. 447**              *Lead On, O King Eternal*

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious God, as we enter this Lenten season, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money, and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We place ourselves above others and fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, and the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Forgive us and guide us in our faith so we may exit this season in right relationship with you. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God's compassion knows no boundaries.

God's grace is greater than all our sins.

Friends, hear the good news of our salvation:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,  
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;  
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 2:1-8

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM**

*We Are the Lord's*

Roland E. Martin

*We are the Lord's; His all sufficient merit,  
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.*

*We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;  
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender  
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.  
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render  
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us  
Can make us tremble while this star affords  
A steady light along the path before us—  
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us  
In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords;  
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.  
Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.*

**TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

*Mission BELLS: Bless*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 76      *My Song Is Love Unknown*      LOVE UNKNOWN

\*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

OFFERTORY      *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*      Van D. Thompson

### \*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.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 80      *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*      LONESOME VALLEY

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE      *Sing Alleluia!*      Robert J. Hughes

Worship Notes – Lent is the 40-day season during which the Church prepares for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because Sundays are considered "mini-Easters," a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen" referring to the lengthening of the daylight hours which occurs in the northern hemisphere during spring.

## 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEACONS' CHILI MEAL** – The Annual Deacons' Chili Day will be



Wednesday, February 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and can be purchased from any Deacon or the church office. Carry-out boxes will be available. Beef, turkey, and vegetarian chili will be served as well as drinks and dessert.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected 282 food items as well as \$100 in donations. Boy Scout Troop 434 will deliver the food to the Wilson County Help Center.

**LADIES BINGO NIGHT** – All the ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, February 24, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office if you plan to attend. All men are welcome.

A Session Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 24 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. All members of the Session are expected to attend.

**THE 4 CENTS A MEAL** offering will be received next Sunday.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Sherard is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	4:00 p.m.	Landscape Comm.
9:45 a.m.	Church School	5:00 p.m.	Outreach Comm.
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
<b>Monday</b>		6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
5:00 p.m.	Worship Comm.	<b>Friday</b>	
		<b>Saturday</b>	

**SESSION**

**Class of 2024**  
Max Carter  
Nancy Gebhardt  
Mickey Stueck  
Allen Vance

**Class of 2025**  
W.P. Bone  
Nancy Boyd  
Jack Emmert  
Frank Reeves

**Class of 2026**  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail

**DIACONATE**

**Class of 2024**  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

**Class of 2025**  
Rachel Low  
Anne Donnell  
Jim Stueck

**Class of 2026**  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff

**CHURCH COMMITTEES**

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Jim Stueck  
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt  
Congregational Care – Nancy Boyd  
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail  
Personnel – Jack Emmert  
Worship – Mickey Stueck

**STAFF**

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Chaney  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Children**  
Nursery  
Elementary Class and  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
January	\$29,608.93	\$14,874.17
YTD	\$29,603.93	\$14,874.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$2,720.00