

# FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



February 25, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*Second Sunday in Lent*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*St. Anthony's Chorale*

Franz Joseph Haydn

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 23*

Leader: God, our gentle shepherd, you have chosen us by name.

People: Lead us, your children, by the still waters.

Leader: God, our gentle shepherd, your rod and staff bring comfort.

People: Guide us, your people, through the darkest valleys.

Leader: God, our gentle shepherd, you have prepared a great table.

People: Restore us, your church, with goodness and mercy.

\*HYMN NO. 155

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, in this season of Lent, as we continue our journey towards the cross, we confess that we do not quickly follow you when called. We ignore our own sins and scorn those that we judge to be sinners.

Forgive us, we pray. Make us new and help us understand that although we are sinners, we are always welcomed at your table. Help us learn to set our own tables with mercy and compassion, love and grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God does not forsake us.

Our God does not forget us.

Our God is a gracious and abounding in steadfast love.

People: In Jesus Christ our sins 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**

Matthew 9:9-13

*And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house,  
many tax collectors and sinners came  
and were sitting with him and his disciples.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM**

*Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*

James Kirkby

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, so the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.  
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress,  
praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness,  
Glorious now God's faithfulness.*

*Angels, in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from ev'ry race.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.  
Praise with us the God of grace.*

**TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

*Mission BELLS: Eat*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 504 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

\*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

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*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

David H. Hegarty

\*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. 298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

Stephen Heller

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

February 28, 6:00 p.m.

*Potluck Covered Dish*

Bring your favorite dish and join the fellowship.

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THANK YOU – On behalf of the Diaconate, we wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to each of you for your help, support, and donations to the Deacons Chili Meal 2024. The proceeds from this event will be used for local acts of kindness.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today.

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE – First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations Through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. FPC will be the second of the stops to commemorate the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to welcome the participants. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, March 29, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360 or sign up in the fellowship hall.

## 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	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Tuesday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Friday</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	<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	\$4,162.00