

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
LENT



March 3, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*Third Sunday in Lent*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude No. 2*

Clara Wieck Schumann

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 19*

Leader: Let the heavens declare the glory of God!

People: Let the stars shine in celebration of God's  
handiwork!

Leader: There may be silence in the deep expanses of space,

People: But in that silence the spheres of heaven speak.

Leader: The light of knowledge pours down from heaven  
onto the Earth:

People: It is truly the knowledge of the grace and glory of  
God! Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN NO. 439**

*In Christ There is No East or West*

ST. PETER

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Lord of Love, you are ever open to hearing our prayers.

We are glad to speak with you on our own terms, but we  
confess that our prayers are less than perfect.

We talk but we do not listen.

We ask but we do not obey.

We demand but we offer nothing.

Forgive us our sins and teach us to pray so that we may be  
changed and may come to know you completely. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your  
life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in  
Christ Jesus.

People: This is the good news of the gospel.  
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)**

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**

Acts 10 selected

*In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius,  
a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called.*

*He was a devout man who feared God with all his household;  
he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM**

*Prayer to the Trinity*

Michael Bedford

*Come, come, O God of heaven, Live within our hearts today;  
Come, come, O God of heaven, Hear, O hear us as we pray.*

*Come, come, O gracious Savior, Stay within our hearts today;  
Come, come, O gracious Savior, Hear, O hear us as we pray.*

*O, be near us, love and cheer us With your blessing from above;  
Ever guide us, walk beside us, As we seek to share your love.*

*Come, come, O Holy Spirit, Shine within our hearts today;  
Come, come, O Holy Spirit, Hear, O hear us as we pray.*

*Come, come, O God of heaven, Live within our hearts today;  
Come, come, O God of heaven, Hear, O hear us as we pray. Amen.*

**TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

*Mission BELLS: 3. Listen* Rev. Sherard Edington

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN NO. 515**

*Now to Your Table Spread*

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**      *There Is a Green Hill Far Away*      Brian Glyncannon

**\*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. 81**      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*      ST. FLAVIAN

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in C Major*

George F. Handel

## 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

March 6, 6:00 p.m.

*Corned Beef & Cabbage with Carrots & Potatoes,  
Irish Crème Cake*

To make a reservation, please call the church office at  
(615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Emily Moheit joyfully given by Robin and Jack Emmert.

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 into our church. 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>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
12:15 p.m.	Deacons Meeting	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

**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**

<b>Children</b>	<b>Adult</b>
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School 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	\$4,007.00