

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT



March 10, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 10, 2024

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* David H. Hegarty

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to share in our love of God.

People: **Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.**

Leader: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

People: **Lord, open our lives that we may bear witness to your people.**

Leader: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

People: **Lord, open our hearts to sing your praises and glory. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 469 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC *Andante from Violin Sonata No. 2* J.S. Bach

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the Sabbath, we pride ourselves on our knowledge and intellect. We smugly believe that we understand all things and have deciphered the mysteries of faith.

But we haven't.

In truth, your ways are inscrutable.

Your kingdom is clouded from us.

Forgive us our sins of intellectual arrogance. Fill our hearts with a wisdom that is born from gentleness and humility.

Help us to dismiss our pride and know you fully. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As the spring rains wash over the earth, may God's love and mercy wash over each of us. In this is the promise of new life and fresh hope.

I declare to you that in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

People: **In Christ, we are renewed. 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 11:25-30

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Sarabande from Violin Partita No. 2*

J.S. Bach

**TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

*Mission BELLS: 4. Learn*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 327      *O Word of God Incarnate*

MUNICH

\*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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*Sonata in A Major*

Domenico Scarlatti

\*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. 84      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Episode on "Dunlap's Creek"*

David Paxton

## 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

WE WELCOME guitarist Dr. Richard Todd to our worship service today. Dr. Todd maintains an active performing career having played at numerous national and international festivals throughout the U.S, Italy, Slovenia, and Canada. Soundboard Magazine has described his playing as “subtly brilliant,” displaying “rich tone, effortless phrasing and a masterful use of silence.” The Fort Worth Star-Telegram noted his playing for its “considerable energy and impressive virtuosity.” He serves as Associate Professor of Music at Tennessee State University. He also serves as President of Classical Guitar Nashville ([www.classicalguitarnashville.org](http://www.classicalguitarnashville.org)), a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering guitar artistry, outreach and education in the Greater Nashville area.

There will be no WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL on Wednesday, March 13 due to spring break.

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>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	<b>Thursday</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group		
<b>Tuesday</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**

**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	\$4,678.00