

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FOURTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**


March 14, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

*Sonata #6 (based on Psalm 130 "Out of the Depths I Cry to You");
Chorale; Andante Sostenuto; Variation II;
Variation III; Fugue; Andante*

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Some were sick through their sinful ways,

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

*HYMN NO. 359 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess that we have become so comfortable with sin that we welcome it. Sin is our identity, and we wallow in it.

God of Healing, forgive our incessant brokenness and make us whole. We pray for the power of your divine mercy to reset our paralyzed lives and set us on a fresh path that allows us to take up our mats and walk into your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of heaven is the one true God:

People: The One who offers us salvation.

Leader: Hear the promise of the gospel:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

* 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.

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. Ronald Turner

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs of the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:1-18

SERMON

Faith Healing: Becoming Whole 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Sonata #6- Allegro Molto* Felix Mendelssohn

John 5:1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.

Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

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

March 17, 6:00 p.m.

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots, Irish Cream Chocolate Cake

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

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE – Join us Mondays at 6:45 p.m. during Lent for a weekly prayer service. To participate, login to Zoom using the same information you use to login to worship (the prayer service will **not** be live-streamed on Facebook).

EASTER EGG HUNT – Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Turner Farm on Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the hunt, there will be games and refreshments.

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, April 2, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Youth group is open to ages 10 and up.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – Grab your good luck charm and join us on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. for holiday games and a traditional corned beef meal. This event is open to ALL ages.

YOUTH DAY CAMP – FPC Youth will be hosting a day camp on Saturday, April 10 at Rock Island State Park. It will be a day filled with engaging worship and exciting games with old and new friends. Permission forms and schedule are available in the church office and are due by Friday, April 2.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Winter Book Club
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Take Out Meal
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Becky Burris
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne 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
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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