

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FIFTH
Sunday
OF **LENT**


March 21, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *"Jesus, Savior, Heed My Greeting!"* J.S. Bach
Chorale and 9 Variations

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 51*

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

People: According to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

People: I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

*HYMN NO. 101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the generations, all things come from you and without you there would be nothing. We confess that our faith is thin and our pride is boundless. We prefer to rely on our own abilities rather than place our trust in you. We become frustrated when we can't perform miracles as we believe we should. Forgive us we pray. Help our unbelief and guide us toward your divine kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.

People: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Friends, this is the power of the Gospel.

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

*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

What Wondrous Love

Charles Dupree

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM
I will sing, I will sing.*

*While millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on:
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

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

Mark 9:14-29

Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

SERMON

Faith Healing: Belief and Unbelief

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. 394 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *"Jesus, Savior, Heed My Greeting!"*
Variation 11

J.S. Bach

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO our church secretary, Kristy Vincent, on the birth of a granddaughter, Khalea Daelynn Lawson. Khalea was born to Danyelle and Kelly Lawson on March 11.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at The Hill at Wedge Oak, home of Van and Carol Turner on Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the hunt, there will be games and refreshments. Donations of wrapped candies/toys and small prizes are needed. Donations can be left in the basket in the hall outside of fellowship hall or in the office.

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.

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
12:15 p.m. Christian Ed

Monday

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
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 – Adrienne Johnson
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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