

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 26, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

The Cambridge Changes

Roger C. Wilson

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader: Let us seek God with all our heart, so that we will not stray from his commandments.

People: May our lips pour forth praise to the Lord, for his word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Leader: May God's face shine upon his servants and teach us his statutes.

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord; may God accept our offerings of praise!

*HYMN NO. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the heart, we are a fortunate people.

We have all we should desire, and yet we yearn for more.

In our privilege, we are driven by our empty appetites and become blind to those less powerful. We grasp at hollow fantasies without concern for the pain we may bring.

Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see the true power of your presence and direct us toward lives of humble service in your holy name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion.

People: God forgives all who humbly repent.

Leader: Friends, this is the good news.

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

* 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)

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 13:1-17

*So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.*

*For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.
The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Brother James's Air

Gordon Jacob

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
In pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet water by.*

*My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the Paths of Blessedness. E'en for His own Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, And Thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Encountering Christ: Humble

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 78 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

MARTYRDOM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Meditation for A Passiontide*

Dennis Eliot

*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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

(Traditional) Hymnal Page 16

SENDING FORTH

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

WONDROUS LOVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Walker Baylor

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

March 29, 6:00 p.m.

Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert

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

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with our ministry to shelter the women for Compassionate Hands. We appreciate those who provided monetary support, breakfast, did laundry, cleaned, and stocked the Annex. Your kind hearts helped those in need.

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 7, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
		Saturday	

SESSION

Class of 2023

Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024

Jackie Cowden
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025

W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert

DIACONATE

Class of 2023

Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024

Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025

Rachel Low
Anne Donnell
Jim Stueck

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt
Personnel – Jackie Cowden
Worship – Wayne Patton

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
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

First Presbyterian Church
304 West Main Street
Lebanon, TN 37087
615.444.1360
fpcllebanon.org
CCLI# 2226825

FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
February	\$24,287.58	\$27,936.72
YTD	\$48,424.61	\$83,032.51
	Last Week's Offering	\$3,052.00