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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 8, 2022

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 8, 2022

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Sorrow and Pain*

G. F. Handel

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified.

We come to this place where the divine is revealed.

Come into this place where compassion is expected.

We come to this place where mercy is familiar.

Come into this place where miracles are known.

We come to this place where God's kingdom prevails.

\*HYMN NO. 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of resurrection, the works of your hands are as plain as day, yet we confess that we do not look for them.

We ignore the signs of your power.

We downplay what we can't understand.

We dismiss miracles as happenstance.

Forgive us our sins and help us become instruments of your grace in all that we do. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen, Amen.*

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

arr. Walter Ehret

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake His ways;  
He leads me for His mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting truth Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings over flows, Thine oil anoints my head.*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

### SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

*The Church of the Resurrection: Enacting Miracles*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

\*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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Robert Lau

\*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. 113 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Chorale*

Raymond H. Haan

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### OUR 2022 GRADUATES

Jackson Bone	-	Friendship Christian School
Sara Beth Bouton	-	Lebanon High School
Robert Carroll	-	Pope John Paul II High School
Alden Simmons	-	Friendship Christian School
William Simmons	-	Friendship Christian School
Gordon Carroll	-	Belmont University
Michael Schulte	-	Vanderbilt Divinity School
Seth Landers	-	University of Tennessee Knoxville

## 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

May 11, 6:00 p.m.

*Lemon Chicken with Roasted Vegetable Orzo,  
Green Beans Almondine, Irish Crème Cake*

This will mark the last Wednesday that Michael Schulte will be with us before his new call takes him to North Carolina. Let's make it a farewell to remember. To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

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THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Barbara and David Howell on the death of Barbara's aunt, Hazel Androski, on May 3 in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – First Presbyterian Women of the Church will gather at Sammy B's for lunch (Dutch treat) on Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will take place in a first floor room (Cadet). Please RSVP to the church office at 615-444-1360 by Wednesday, May 11.

**SPRING SPEAKERS SERIES** – Dr. Bruce Rogers-Vaughn will deliver a lecture entitled "Caring for Souls in a Neoliberal Age" on Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)** – All youth are invited to attend Michael's farewell dinner on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. Youth and their families are also invited to attend FPC's Annual Fish Fry on Wednesday, May 18.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day Group

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

7:00 p.m. Praise Team

### Friday

Saturday

## ELDERS

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck  
Pat Bone  
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Jackie Cowden  
Tracey Hay

## DIACONATE

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

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

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

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist – Darryl Nettles  
Keyboards – Jonathan Snow  
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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Elementary Class  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class  
Women's Class

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