

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LEBANON



May 9, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E Major* Vincent Lubeck

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 98*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,

People: For he has done marvelous things.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence
of the Lord, for he is coming.

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

DIX

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of infinite love, we confess that we attempt to construct walls around you. We confess that we seek to limit your power as we determine who is worthy of your attention and who is not. Forgive us and help us to understand that you can sweep away any barriers we build. We will never contain your grace and mercy. Fill us with the love to recognize all people as your cherished children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: At Jesus' name every knee in heaven and on the earth shall bow.

People: Every tongue will confess Christ is sovereign to God's glory.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***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.

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Roland E. Martin

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6

SERMON

Border Crossing 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. 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Alleluyas

Simon Preston

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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
May 19, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Covered Dish

Chicken Casserole will be provided as the main dish.

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 Friday, May 14.

CROSSROADS CLASS will resume meeting in-person today immediately following the worship service. They will gather in the Library.

KRISTY ON LEAVE – Kristy will be on medical leave until May 12 as she recovers from surgery.

FROM MICHAEL – Friends, I am writing to let you know that this summer I will be taking a temporary leave of absence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America requires all pastoral candidates to complete a unit of full-time hospital chaplaincy. This requirement allows future pastors to gain experience in facilitating difficult conversations around death, dying, and unexpected illness. There are currently no summer programs offered in the Metro Nashville area, so, I must go to St. Louis to complete my internship at Saint Louis University Hospital. My last Sunday in Lebanon will be May 16. I will continue to facilitate online book club until May 30. I currently plan to return to FPC on Sunday, August 29. –Michael

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – In-person youth group will meet on **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and opportunities to serve the homeless in our community.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Book Club

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

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
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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