

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 16, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Allegro (Trio Sonata No. 6)* Johann Sebastian Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 47*

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

***HYMN NO. 151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you created us for life together,
but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you
commanded. We have broken the promises we have made to
you and to one another. We have taken much and given little.
Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love,
so that we may serve you as a faithful people, and live
together in your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to
condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us.

Leader: Christ rose for us.

People: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old
life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you
are forgiven.

People: 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Craig Freeman
Monroe Harding

ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

arr. Arlen Clarke

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.*

*Sweet the rains new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew-fall on the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play;
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF APPRECIATION

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 1:1-11

*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.*

SERMON

Restore

Michael Schulte

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. 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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 by Tuesday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

James Peyton – University of South Carolina

Madeline Walker – University of Tennessee – Knoxville

Courtney Edington – Rhodes College

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Barbara and David Howell on the death of Barbara's aunt, Barbara Stuckey Ehrlich, on May 5, in Anderson, Indiana.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Join us for Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School June 21-23 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School is open for all children age 3 years to 8th grade. We will have separate tracks for early elementary students, upper elementary students, and middle school students. Each night a meal is provided. All participants will also receive a free t-shirt. To register, please visit the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy in the office.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received on Sunday, May 23. This offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC(USA). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support young people and address the needs of at-risk children.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Our FINAL spring youth group will take place Wednesday, May 19 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us for part two of our series, "Death and Life: The Story of Lazarus." Friends are welcome.

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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