

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 22, 2022

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 22, 2022

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

**PRELUDE**      *In Christ There Is No East or West*      Stewart Landon  
**CHIMING THE HOUR**

## CHORAL INTROIT

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      *from Psalm 148*

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Praise the Lord kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young  
together! Let them praise the name of the Lord.

**\*HYMN NO. 483**      *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*      ZART

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator of life, we find it hard to accept that you truly reside among us and with us. We refuse to recognize your presence in our world and prefer to hold on to that which brings despair. We accept cruelty as normal.

Forgive us and inspire us to embrace your blessed kingdom in this world. Make us new and help us become faith-filled citizens of your holy city. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

People: We will show others whose we are by our love.

Leader: This is the promise of the Gospel.

People: Thanks be to God; we are forgiven!

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\* 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.

**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**

Revelation 21:1-6

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

arr. Vernon Hoyle

*This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, Hah sprung to live this morrow!  
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Children are invited to come forward

**SERMON**

*Whatcha Selling?* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 275

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

\*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

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*Adoration*

Gilbert M. Martin

\*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. 438

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

James Denton

Worship Notes – The original title of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* was *Brotherly Love* and was written by John Fawcett, author of one hundred sixty-six hymns. Fawcett (1740-1817) was born in Lidget Green, Yorkshire, and at sixteen was converted to Christianity through the preaching of George Whitefield. He joined the Methodists but a few years later became a Baptist. At 25, he was ordained a Baptist pastor to the Wainsgate Baptist Church in West Yorkshire.

At age 32, he accepted a call to another church. His bags were packed and loaded on the wagon as he preached his farewell sermon. However, the members' tears and his wife's sadness as well as his own led him to give the order to unpack. It was this event that inspired the words to this hymn. He served at Wainsgate for the rest of his life.

## 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KRISTY WILL BE ON VACATION** May 20 – 30 and will return to the office on June 1. Meanwhile, Sherard will do his best to keep this place running, but please keep your expectations very low.

**VANGOES** – The next VanGoes outing will be Wednesday, May 25, to **The National Museum of African American Music** in Nashville. Depart the church at 9:15 a.m. We will have lunch downtown. Please contact the church office to get your name on the list.

**THE 4 CENTS A MEAL** offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT** – The church has just completed an annual financial review by Dale Eckler of Eckler Consulting. Mr. Eckler conducted a thorough review of over 580 deposits and disbursements and “found no evidence that funds had been misused.” Mr. Eckler did include several recommendations on how FPC could improve our money-handling practices to better protect funds and our people. The treasurer and the Finance Committee have already begun looking at how we might implement these recommendations. This audit is one that is required by the denomination. A copy of the full report is in the church office and is available for anyone to review.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –No Youth Group meeting this week.

## 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

9:15 a.m. VanGoes Trip  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

10:00 a.m. Preschool

Graduation

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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Preschool – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Faith Builders Class
Elementary Class	Westminster Class
Middle- High School Class	Women's Class

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