

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

Lani Smith

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all;

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

People: May the Lord rejoice in His works.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 128 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your spirit and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

People: God gives us new hope, new joy, new life – this day and in all the days to come. Thanks be to God! Amen. 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Amy Beck

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth how can I keep from singing?*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, though we have hidden ourselves in locked rooms and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1 and 2 (selected)

- Leader While Jesus was with the disciples, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.
- Jesus This is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.
- Leader When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- Everyone *[Make the noise of a loud wind and shake your bulletin.]*
- Leader Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- Everyone *[Babble as if speaking a foreign language.]*
- Leader Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,
- Everyone Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- Leader Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
- Everyone What does this mean?
- Leader But others sneered and said,
- Choir They are filled with new wine!
- Leader Peter raised his voice and addressed the people,

Peter Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON *Prophecies, Visions, and Dreams* Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 319

Spirit (vss. 1 & 4)

MANLEY

*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

OFFERTORY

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

*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. 315 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PENTECOST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE (all)

*Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.*

*POSTLUDE

Psalm of Praise

Franklin Ritter

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

FPC PRESCHOOL is currently accepting enrollments for the fall. Classes are available for 3 and 4-year-olds.

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

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received today. 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 its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will meet on Saturday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. for Child Advocacy Center Clean Up Day.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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

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
fpclebanon.org
CCLI# 2226825

FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
April	\$20,841.73	\$21,754.56
YTD	\$104,933.21	\$124,100.97
	Last Week's Offering	\$8,625.00