

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 9, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

David Hegarty

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

*HYMN NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO

How Great Thou Art

Pratt

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we are grateful for your redeeming love for each of us. We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us, we don't always believe that you will take our burdens. We feel we must always be in control trying to demand the desired outcome. Help us place our trust in you. Remind us that you surround us continually with your care, you never just let us drift aimlessly about. Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us celebrate the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24 selected

I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SOLO

How Can I Keep From Singing arr. Brent Yorgason

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

An Arranged Marriage

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 282 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* GOTT

*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 *Come, Ye Disconsolate* Dale Wood

*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.

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Sing Alleluia!* Robert Hughes

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

By the grace of God and the calling of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

MICHAEL JOHN SCHULTE

will be ordained in the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

SATURDAY JULY AT 2 PM
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First Presbyterian Church
304 W. Main Street
Lebanon, TN 37087
Zoom: [Tinyurl.com/SchulteOrdination](https://tinyurl.com/SchulteOrdination)

A reception will follow.

WE WELCOME soloist Katelyn Virgous to our worship service today. Katelynn is a 2022 honors graduate of Tennessee State University where she majored in Commercial Music Technology. She currently sings with the Nashville Opera and throughout Middle Tennessee.

CHOIR PRACTICE – There will be no choir practice for the month of July. Practice will resume in August.

BOOKS NEEDED – The Lebanon Special School District is in need of donated books for K-8. They also would like to have chapter books for grades 3-8. If you would like to donate books or give a monetary donation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will meet on August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Sunday School	6:30 p.m. No Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
11:15 a.m. Session Meeting	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Monday	Friday
6:00 p.m. New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)
Tuesday	Saturday
	2:00 p.m. Michael's Ordination

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 – Jim Stueck
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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
May	\$19,790.52	\$25,743.20
YTD	\$124,723.73	\$149,844.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$5,430.00