

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 20, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Hosanna to the Son of David!*

Gilbert M. Martin

CHIMING THE HOUR

## WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from St. Benedict, 480-547)*

Leader: O gracious and holy Father,

People: Give us wisdom to perceive you,

Leader: Intelligence to understand you,

People: Diligence to seek you,

Leader: Patience to wait for you,

People: Eyes to see you,

Leader: A heart to meditate on you,

People: And a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### \*HYMN NO. 263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have turned away from justice and ignored the cries of the poor. We have chased comfort and convenience, silencing your prophets and forgetting your word. We have grown ripe with decay, failing to bear good fruit. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore our hunger for righteousness and renew in us hearts that seek your face. May your mercy flow where our compassion has run dry. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the transforming power of God's spirit we can be changed. Friends, this is the good news of our salvation:

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

**\*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)**

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**

Amos 8:1-12

*They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.*  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Sonata, C. 49*

Domenico Cimarosa

**SERMON**

*Rotten Tomatoes*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 85      *What Wondrous Love Is This*      WONDROUS LOVE

\*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      *Passacaglia in D major*      S.L. Weiss

\*DOXOLOGY      Hymn No. 592

*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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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 368      *I've Got Peace Like a River*      AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE      *Maestoso*      David H. Hegarty

## 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

**WE WELCOME** guitarist Dr. Richard Todd to our worship service today. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Southern Methodist University, and the University of North Texas. Dr. Todd is Associate Professor of Music at Tennessee State University. He also serves as President of Classical Guitar Nashville, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering guitar artistry, outreach, and education in the Greater Nashville area.

**LADIES' BINGO NIGHT** – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift and a friend and join the fun.

**COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL** – FPC will prepare and serve food on July 23 for the unhoused guests at Compassionate Hands. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers.

**THE 4 CENTS A MEAL** offering will be received next Sunday. FPC Lebanon is a covenant partner with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's Hunger Program through the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering. We invite every member to contribute a few cents for every meal as an expression of thanks for what we have received. All monies collected are used to support local hunger programs and to help fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. The 4 Cents-a-Meal offering is received on the fourth Sunday of each month. 30% of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
9:00 a.m. Worship	<b>Thursday</b>
10:00 a.m. Church School	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
11:00 a.m. Worship	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
6:00 p.m. New Day Group	
7:00 p.m. Ladies Bingo	
<b>Tuesday</b>	

## SESSION

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Jack Emmert  
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail  
Allen Vance

Class of 2027  
Marilyn Peyton

## DIACONATE

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Jim Stueck  
Kim Wall

Class of 2026  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2027

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell

Treasurer – Jim Stueck

Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck

Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance

Congregational Care & Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail

Personnel – Jack Emmert

Worship & Christian Education – Mickey Stueck

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation

Pastor – Sherard Edington

Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles

Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader

Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### Children

Elementary Class and  
Middle - High School Class

### Adult

Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class

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