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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 3, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 3, 2025    *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*    11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*At Calvary*

Traditional

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

## CHORAL INTROIT

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

People: For God has dealt mercifully with us!

Leader: Even when we turned our backs on God,

People: God forgave us and restored us to life.

Leader: Rejoice in God's abundant love.

People: We will continually praise God who heals and loves us.

\*HYMN NO. 220    *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*    OLD HUNDRETH

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Enduring Love, your goodness has no limits and your compassion never ends. We come before you this day humbly acknowledging our sins. We confess that we have not been thankful to you for your wonderful works. We do not model your love to those in need. We do not seek to meet the needs of the hungry. We allow suffering to go unchecked.

Forgive us our failings, we pray and guide us back to your holy way. Amen

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn in faith.

Friends, believe the good news.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God!

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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)**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,  
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 107 selected

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Richard Shephard

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**SERMON**

*The Call to Gratitude*

Rev. Sherard Edington

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN NO. 515**

*Now to Your Table Spread*

LOVE UNKNOWN

## \*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

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

Traditional

### \*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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### SANCTUS

Hymn No. 581

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### \*POSTLUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Traditional

## 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

THANK YOU for the love, calls, texts, cards, food, transportation to appointments and most of all for the prayers during our recent surgeries, and recovery. – Robin and Jack Emmert

THE ICE CREAM CRANKIN' benefitting the **Martha O'Bryan Center** will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, on Sunday, August 10, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Donations in lieu of tickets. There will be award winning ice cream as well as live music and games.

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### CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY PICNIC

Cumberland University will be hosting the annual Community Picnic on Saturday, August 23, and would love FPC to join them as they welcome new students! For more information, please visit [www.cumberland.edu](http://www.cumberland.edu).

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

9:00 a.m. NCC Worship  
10:00 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day AA Group

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Brown Bag  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Friday

### Saturday

## 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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