

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 6, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 6, 2023 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

**PRELUDE**                      *There Is a Happy Land*                      George Shearing

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come among us, our God.

We would hear your call to us—

People: Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.

Leader: And you who have no money, come rest awhile!

People: Come all who wrestled with God,  
as did Jacob that long night.

Leader: And you who are in need of blessing,  
give ear and come.

People: Hear that your soul may live.

All: Welcome to the house of the Lord.

\*HYMN                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      CWM RHONDDA

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Whether it is a fractured relationship or unreconciled difference, you, merciful God, are willing to wade into the messiness of our human struggles. You are with us even when we are most alone. Yet we confess that we cling to what we feel is essential for us, such as our frivolous possessions, our swollen egos, and our selfish desires. Forgive us our sins, O Lord, and help us to stop wresting with our fears.

Inspire us to be open to the glories of your realm. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news!

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is good to all,  
and compassionate toward all of creation.

Believe this good news and give thanks:

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

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\* 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)

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

Genesis 32:22-31

*You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,  
for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PRAISE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

*Win, Lose, or Draw* Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN

*O Love that Wilt Let Me Go*

\*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**     *So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower*     George Shearing

### \*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.*

## 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

*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             *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*SUNG RESPONSE (everyone)

*When the roll is called up yonder,*

*When the roll is called up yonder,*

*When the roll is called up yonder,*

*When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*

\*POSTLUDE             *Once More, My Soul*             George Shearing

## 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

**WORSHIP AND LUNCH** – Today we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch after worship. Everyone is invited to join us.

**THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** of the congregation are with the family of **Mildred Gaston**. Mildred died on Friday at her home. A funeral service will be held at FPC on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. with visitation starting at Noon.



*The Wilson County Community Help Center, created in 1988, was established with the vision and support of area churches. At the Help Center, heart and help is provided to Wilson County neighbors in need of daily life essentials, home essentials and comfort, as well as nutritional supplements and prescription assistance.*

Tuesday, August 8th 4:00pm

203 West High St.  
Lebanon, TN 37087

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)** – The next youth summer gathering will be tonight at 6:00 p.m. when we will study the Creation Story and create visual images of the days of creation. Previously the group made and served lunch for Compassionate Hands as a mission activity. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these activities.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Lunch

### Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day (AA)

### Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Funeral Service for  
Mildred Gaston

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

11:00 a.m. Funeral Service for  
the Rev. Brent Johnston

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Friday

6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)

### Saturday

**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**

<b>Children</b>	<b>Adult</b>
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
June	\$27,693.30	\$23,155.00
YTD	\$152,370.53	\$172,999.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$6,300.00