

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 10, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 10, 2025 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Edward Broughton

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

from Psalm 50

Leader: O God, you are my God.

People: I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

Leader: I have looked upon you in the sanctuary.

People: I have beheld your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

People: My lips will praise you.

Leader: I will bless you as long as I live.

People: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*HYMN NO. 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of boundless generosity,
you gladly offer us the keys to your kingdom. Yet, we confess
that our fears get the better of us. We cling to what is
impermanent, grasping at possessions and wealth as if they
were truly our own. We fall asleep when we should be alert,
unprepared for the gifts you have in store for us.

Forgive our fears and awaken our hearts to trust in you
completely. Strengthen us to let go of what we hold so tightly,
so that we may embrace the true treasures of your holy
kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are God's beloved. With you, God is well
pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are
forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ.
You are the good news.

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

* 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)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may
believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and
obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-40

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Mark Schweizer

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at this word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

SERMON

Unlocking the Kingdom

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 441** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

***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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Dale Wood

***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. 388** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGELS'S STORY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lani Smith

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

THE ICE CREAM CRANKIN' benefitting the **Martha O'Bryan Center** will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, today 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.

LADIES' BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift and a friend and join the fun.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – Ladies of the church are invited to meet together for food and fellowship at our **Women's Group Night** on Thursday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Bring a sack dinner and join us as we gather for great fellowship.

FPC BACK TO SCHOOL BASH – All youth (grades 5-12) are invited to attend the Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be music, snacks, games, and a guest speaker. Come join the fellowship!

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! We need volunteers to work our booth from 11:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. For more information, please visit www.cumberland.edu.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Worship	6:00 p.m. Brown Bag
10:00 a.m. Church School	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
Monday	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. New Day Group	Friday
Tuesday	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

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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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