

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 17, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 17, 2025 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *O How He Loves You and Me* Kurt Kaiser
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: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

People: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

Leader: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving
ways!

People: Help us grow in our service and witness to your
mercy and peace.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our
witness.

People: Let us praise God who is always with us. Praise the
Lord!

*HYMN NO. 306 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the Ages, we give you thanks for the faithful who have
gone before us. Their lives inspire us, yet we confess that our
own faith often falters. We shrink from adversity and run from
hardship, failing to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our
Christ. Forgive our weakness, we pray. Help us to cast aside
the burdens of sin that weigh us down. Help us run with
perseverance the race you have set before us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is our salvation.

Friends, believe the Good News.

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

* 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)

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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Ross Farnworth

*Why would I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free.
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be trouble." His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free.
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him; From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free.
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

SERMON

You Are Here

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

*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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 354 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Robert J. 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.

📶 For WiFi access go to [FPC_CONNECT](#) and enter password 6154441360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NO WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – Because of the Wilson Co. Fair, the women's group will not meet this month. Our next gathering will be September 18.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday. Please use the yellow envelope. A portion of this offering remains with FPC to use in our local area with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.



SHERRY'S RUN – The 22nd annual Sherry's Run will be held Saturday, September 13 and registration is open. If you would like to participate, please register online at [sherrysrun.org](#). At the end of the registration form choose to join a team. Our team's name is First Presbyterian Church Lebanon. Hope to see you there!

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](#).

YOUTH

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!

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		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bingo	Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

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	Adult
Elementary Class and Middle - High School Class	Crossroads Class Faith Builders Class

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