

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 24, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Donald Lee Moore
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: With great rejoicing we come to the house of the
Lord today!

People: God is our refuge and our stronghold.

Leader: The power and love of God flow through this
gathering.

People: We place our whole trust in God's mighty
compassion for us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

People: Let us celebrate the God's presence here and in our
lives.

*HYMN NO. 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the Sabbath, you call us to worship so we might
discover a new way of living. Yet, we confess that we have not
fully accepted your invitation. We stubbornly cling to what is
comfortable. We are so focused on our own pain that we fail
to see the suffering of others. Forgive our selfishness and fear.
Grant us the courage to embrace the joyful freedom of being
your children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do you feel it?

People: God's tender mercy rests on us, heals us, transforms us.

Leader: Do you see it?

People: God's light breaks into our lives and shows us the way.

Leader: Do you know it?

People: God's love saves us from our sins. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE

Hymn No. 572

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 13:10-17

*And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan bound for eighteen long years,
be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Forever Blest Is He

George F. Handel

*Forever blest is he who serves the Lord,
Forever, Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.
The loving God of all, the God of all mankind.
Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.
Joy shall be his reward; Living to serve the Lord;
Forever, Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.*

SERMON

Standing Tall

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 275

God of Our Life

SANDON

*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

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Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision"

Robert Lau

*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. 483 *Sing to Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

ZART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Psalm of Praise

Franklin Ritter

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 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. 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.



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!

YOUTH

FPC BACK TO SCHOOL BASH – All youth (grades 5-12) are invited to attend the Back to School Bash tonight 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

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Back to
School Bash

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day Group

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
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

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Worship & Christian Education – Mickey Stueck

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Pastor – Sherard Edington

Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles

Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader

Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Elementary Class and
Middle - High School Class

Adult

Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class

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