

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 3, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision"* Robert Lau

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 105*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: Tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* ZART

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God our Master, you have called us to walk a holy path, but we prefer to set our sights on a different road. You offered a guide to lead us, but we continue to stumble. We confess that we ignore the signs of salvation and reject the sacred. Forgive us our sins. Help us set aside our selfish interests and heed the call of your divine realm. May we always strive to be disciples of your blessed Son. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ calls each of us into lives of service and hope. He equips us for these ministries and places us on the pathways of peace. Rejoice! You are called by God's Son and blessed by him.

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

*KYRIE 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.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed,
and do what you have commanded. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

You've Been Summoned

Rev. Stacy Rector

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

*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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Hymn and Variation

Walker Baylor

***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 NO. 371**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude

Stephen Heller

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 17, immediately following the worship service.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on
Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.
at Don Fox Community Park.

Fried chicken, drinks, plastic ware, and paper goods will be provided.
Bring a covered dish and join the fellowship.

WE WELCOME the Rev. Stacy Rector to the pulpit today. Stacy is the Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, and a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She also currently serves on the Peacemaking and Outreach committees for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and on the board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

Sherard Edington has been on vacation with his family this week. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Judy Leonard's 80th birthday today.

A PRAYER GROUP led by Rev. Edington will meet on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. starting September 5. The Group will run for 10 weeks and will study the book "Sailboat Church." To sign up, please contact the church office.

CHURCH SECRETARY ON VACATION—Kristy will be on vacation this week and will return on September 11.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will resume meetings on Monday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will begin meeting on Wednesdays in September. More information to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	Office Closed	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday			
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

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

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
July	\$39,926.38	\$21,640.35
YTD	\$192,283.41	\$194,649.22
	Last Week's Offering	\$3,470.00