

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 6, 2020

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Meditation (Symphony no. 1)

Adagio (Symphony no. 1)

C.M. Widor

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119:35-37, 40

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

HYMN NO. 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil
in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us
according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleans us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and
restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

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.

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Schweizer

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

Romans 13:8-14

SERMON

Matters of Life and Debt

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

(the offering plate is located outside the door of the sanctuary)

OFFERTORY *Nearer, My God to Thee* arr. Georgiann Toole

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Fugue (Symphony no.1)* C.M. Widor

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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Service for Bettie Hill

Monday

- 6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study with Michael

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study with Sherard (cancelled)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Participating in Worship today are:

- J.D. Plant, Organist
- Branson Clark, Vocals
- Michael Schulte, Director of Christian Education
- Sherard Edington, Pastor
- Jim Stueck and Cal Clark, Technical Team
- FPC Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended John Hill and family upon the death of **Bettie Hill** on September 2. Bettie has been a member of FPC for 72 years.

THANK YOU to all who came by to see me on Sunday during the Sunday Drive. I really enjoyed and appreciated you thinking of me.
- Lois Ann Wauford

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT: Friday, September 18 at 6 p.m. Families will meet at the church and receive their first clue. Each clue will lead them to a site in Lebanon where a church member will give the family an activity to complete together. At the end, families will return to FPC for a socially-distanced outdoor BBQ.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Although, there will be no Wednesday Fellowship Meals in the Fall, we are planning to have once-a-month to-go meals starting September 16 and thereafter on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Reservations (through the church office) are required. Pick-up will be at the church and meals will be handed out to each car. COVID protocols will be observed.

DIAPER CONNECTION: On Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m., FPC will hold a **diaper wrapping event** in conjunction with Nashville Diaper Connection. These diapers will be distributed in Wilson County. Without diapers, babies cannot go to childcare, participate in early childhood education, and many parents cannot go to work. The goal is to ensure that every baby has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Following a short presentation about the program, we will wrap diapers that can be handed out in our community. If you would like to participate, please call the church office at 615-444-1360. 8-12 volunteers are needed.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 12

9am

FPC Parking Lot

Bring your own chair!

Fall Book Club

Join us for a ten-week book study beginning Sunday, September 20 at 11:10am via Zoom

To sign up, visit:
FPCLebanon.org/bookclub

fpc youth

Wednesdays at 6:32pm
Meeting #: 999 257 630
PW: 315915