

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 7, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 7, 2025

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*  
*(Our Father in Heaven)*

J.S. Bach

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 139*

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

People: You discern my thoughts from far away.  
You are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,

People: O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

People: It is so high that I cannot attain it.

## \*HYMN NO. 229 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

ERFREUIEN

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of creation, we start out as lumps of clay, but you strive to shape us into vessels of your sacred design.

We confess that we fight back and resist your plan.

We insist that we know what is best. We reject your will and seek to shape ourselves into the image we desire.

Forgive our arrogance and pride. May we be malleable to your touch and transformed into your holy vessels. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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\* 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)

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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

*"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."  
So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.  
The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand,  
and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!*

ANTHEM

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Gordon Young

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love, and pow'r:  
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more;  
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.*

*Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of him;  
This He gives you, This He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's glimmering beam;  
This He gives you, This He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's glimmering beam;  
Saints and angels, joined in concert, Sing the praises of the Lamb;  
While the blissful seats of heaven Sweetly echo with His name;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sinners here may do the same;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sinners here may do the same.*

SERMON *Shaped by the Hands of the Potter* Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 322

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**     *Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten*     J.S. Bach  
                           *(Whoever Surrenders Control to God Alone)*

*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.*

\*POSTLUDE      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*      Don Hustad

## 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

### Annual Churchwide Picnic

Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m.

**Save the Date!** The annual church picnic will be held at Don Fox Community Park in 2 weeks on September 17. Bring your favorite picnic side; the church will provide chicken, drinks, paper goods, and serving utensils.

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 21, at 10:45 a.m., for the purpose of electing four At-Large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** – We are a little over one month away from our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,152 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We must raise \$4,263.84 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is appreciated.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on September 24.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Thursday</b>	
12:15 p.m.	Building Committee	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Monday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		5:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	
		9:30 a.m.	SAR Meeting

## 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 –

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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