

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 14, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Wayne L. Wold

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 discern my thoughts from far away.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

Leader: I try to count them—they are more than the sand.

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of Faith, you call us to lives of devotion but too often we choose to pursue shallow endeavors. We place our own desires above you. We cling to earthly comforts, careers, and relationships more tightly than we cling to Christ.

We refuse to shoulder the cross of faith.

We always weigh the cost of discipleship.

Forgive us we pray. Help us to deny ourselves and embrace the unfathomable value of your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ God comes to bless, not to condemn us.

People: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

Leader: This is the glorious news of the gospel:

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

*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)

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

Luke 14:25-33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Go Forth to Life, O Child of Earth

V. D. Thompson

*Go forth to life, O child of earth!
Still mindful of thy heav'nly birth;
Thou art not here for ease or sin,
But manhood's noble crown to win.*

*Go on from innocence of youth
To manly purity and truth;
God's angels still are near to save,
And God Himself doth help the brave.*

*The tempters strong stand in thy way,
Thy spirit is more strong than they;
Tho' passion's fires burn hot in thy soul,
Thy spirit can their flames control.*

*Then forth to life, O child of earth!
Be worthy of thy heav'nly birth!
For noble service thou art here;
Thy brothers help, thy God revere. Amen.*

SERMON

Weighing the Cost of Discipleship

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 443** *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

***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

Lord, I Have Shut the Door

Don Hustad

***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. 391**

Take My Life

HENDON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

To God Be the Glory

Don Hustad

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.

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

September 17, 6:00 p.m.

Church-Wide Picnic

The annual church picnic will be held at Don Fox Community Park. Bring your favorite picnic side; the church will provide chicken, drinks, paper goods, and serving utensils.

THE ROSE on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Amelia Lexmi to Amy and Rahul Harpalani on September 9. Proud grandparents are Kathy and Joe Adams.

LADIES' BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift and a friend and join the fun.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT – The women's group will not meet this month. Our next gathering will be on October 16.

FAITH FEST – Cumberland University will be hosting their 2nd Annual Faith Fest Event on Tuesday, September 30, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. It is hosted by faith-based student organizations and local churches for all students. We need volunteers to help host our table. Please contact the church office for more information.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – We are one month away from our 8th 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. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m. when we will gather 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 (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on September 24.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Worship	6:00 p.m. Church Picnic
10:00 a.m. Church School	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
12:15 p.m. Session Meeting	9:00 a.m. Preschool
Monday	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. New Day Group	Friday
7:00 p.m. Ladies Bingo	Saturday
Tuesday	
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 – Connor Patrick

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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