

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 28, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Hymn and Variation

Walker Baylor

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 146

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Infinite Charity, we live lives of luxury while others near us are starving and forgotten. We confess that we do nothing as the rich devour the poor. We are indifferent to the destitute. Soften our hearts, we pray and make us open to the plight of the needy. Forgive us our sins and direct us to become givers of holy compassion and sources of divine love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."
People: In Christ we dwell in the richness of God's favor.
Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus' name, we are forgiven!

*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)

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 16:19-31

*Child, remember that during your lifetime
you received your good things,
and Lazarus in like manner evil things;
but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.
Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those
who might want to pass from here to you
cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Gordon Young

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

SERMON

The Grand Chasm Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

***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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Flute Melody

Ellen Jane Lorenz

***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. 276** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

***POSTLUDE** *Chorale and Fugue on "Ein Feste Burg"*

James Denton

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

October 1, 6:00 p.m.

Meatloaf, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Spice Cake

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Dakota Wilcox and Rex Bouton who were married on Saturday, September 20.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of Nancy McVicker on her death on September 22. Nancy is the niece of Nancy Boyd.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow envelope in the window. A portion of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.

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 two weeks 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. So far, we have raised \$2550. Your generosity is appreciated.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Merrill Leonard
Internment

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day Group

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Columbarium Mtg
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

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

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jack Emmert
Allen Vance
Beth Bouton
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck

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 – Mitch Kamp
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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