

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LEBANON



October 5, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood
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

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Leader: All who thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

People: All who are lost will find safety here.

Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

People: All who are broken will find healing here.

Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

People: Let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 262** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of all life, you call us to challenging and vibrant expressions of ministry. Yet, we confess that too often we turn away. We are ashamed of the gospel and reluctant to speak your name. We are too quick to dismiss the faith of our ancestors as our own faith grows brittle. We run from the discomfort of suffering and we mistake comfort for faithfulness.

Forgive us we pray. Help us embrace the treasure that is your power and love. Reignite within us the passion of your Spirit and make us new in your hallowed image. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace
overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's
generosity overflows.

People: We have been claimed as God's own people.

Leader: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

People: 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, 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

2 Timothy 1:1-14

*Guard the good deposit entrusted to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

It is Well with My Soul

Martin Green

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this best assurance control:
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The heav'ns be rolled back like a scroll.
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

SERMON

A Treasure Worth Guarding

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 505** *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

ST. FLAVIAN

***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

Aria

John O. Schroeder

***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.*

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

Hymn No. 581

*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. 555** *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** *Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"* Gilbert M. Martin

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 MEALS: Due to fall break, there will be no meal on October 8. Regular meals will resume on October 15.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ. As we partake of Holy Communion, we remember all our sisters and brothers in Christ around the world. World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with others in need.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – We are one week 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. We have raised the money needed. Your generosity is appreciated.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 19 at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing officers.

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fifth community Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., and we need your help. We are looking for members of the congregation who are willing to host "trunks"— people who decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy in our parking lot. To volunteer, please contact Kristy in the office. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off in the church office.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. NCC Worship	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m. Church School	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Monday	Thursday
6:00 p.m. New Day AA Group	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Tuesday	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 Belcher
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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