

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 10, 2021

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

October 10, 2021

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### SILENT MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

*Allegro (Symphony No. 2)*

William Boyce

#### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are God's household, crafted by the architect of creation.

People: Our hearts are shelters for the outcast;  
our hands are open to the stranger.

Leader: We are God's people, created in the divine image.

People: God calls us to tell others of God's love,  
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

Leader: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves.

People: We are chosen to serve the lost and lonely,  
gifted to minister to a hurting world.

#### \*HYMN NO. 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and power, although your son Jesus calls us to follow him, we reject that which is holy and set our sights on our own priorities.

We confess that we choose the easy life over a life of service.

We confess that we find the idea of sacrifice to be repugnant.

We confess that we resist giving up anything that we consider to be valuable.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to follow the path of discipleship each and every day. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends—Hear the good news of our salvation:  
By the power of God's love we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*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)**

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 6:1-6

*Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task.*

**ANTHEM**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Stan Pethel

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou art my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.  
Lord of my life, Lord of my life.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son.  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all, ruler of all.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Michael Schulte

**SERMON**

*Called to Serve*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### \*HYMN NO. 343

BEECHER

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vss 1 & 4)*

### \*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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*Vivace*

William Boyce

#### \*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.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN NO. 388

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### \*POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

William Boyce

#### ACTS 6:1-6

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 13, 6:00 p.m.

*Chicken Casserole, Lima Beans, Roasted Root Vegetables, Carrot Cake*

To make a reservation, please call the church office at  
(615) 444-1360 by Friday, October 8.

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**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** – One week to go!!! We have raised the money and now we need your participation. Please sign up on one of the sheets in the church or call the church office. We need at least 50 people to bag 10,000 meals. Everyone will gather on Saturday, October 16 at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages.

**ANNEX “SPRUCE UP” DAY** calls for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on November 6. Please contact the church office for more information.

**OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – The members of the Officer Nominating Committee for 2022 are:

- Elders: David Howell and Adrienne Johnson
- Deacon: Jack Emmert
- At-Large: Beth Bouton, Mark Fain, Mary Margaret Farris, Vickie See.

Please keep this committee in your prayers as they go about the crucial work of our church. The Congregational Meeting to elect officers will be held on November 7.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)** –No Youth Group on October 13.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**—The youth will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on October 16 to help fill 10,000 meal bags.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Session Mtg.

### Monday

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Mtg.  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

### Friday

### Saturday

## ELDERS

Class of 2021  
Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves

## DIACONATE

Class of 2021  
Becky Harm  
Lee Lyle  
Sandra Patton  
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022  
Jack Emmert  
Marilyn Peyton  
Laura Simmons  
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell  
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck  
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson  
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson  
Personnel – Jessica Fain  
Worship – Suanne Bone

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist – J. D. Plant  
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Brown  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Children**  
Nursery  
Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Elementary Class  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class  
Women's Class

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