

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 19, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Disconsolate

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

from Psalm 119

Leader: God's Word is always with me.

People: God's Word tastes sweeter than honey.

Leader: God's covenant is written on my heart.

People: God's commandment makes me wiser than my enemies.

Leader: Young and old, powerful and powerless—may we all know God.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of new life, when we are broken, you come to us with healing words of consolation. And yet we confess that we fail to embrace your word and keep you in our hearts.

We are less than faithful to you.

We reject your covenant.

We conveniently forget all you have done for us.

Forgive us our iniquities and forget our sins.

Help us to love you with our whole being. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we cry out, God helps us without delay. Do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more.

This indeed is the good news of the gospel:

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

* 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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

*I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,
"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Lone, Wild Bird

Ruth Elaine Schram

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you.
Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.*

*Each secret thought is known to you,
the path I walk my whole life through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,
my deepest joys, my silent tears.*

*The ends of earth are in your hand,
the sea's dark deep, and far off land.
And I am yours! I rest in you.*

*Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.
Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.*

SERMON

A Clean Slate

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 324** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

***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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My Jesus, I Love Thee

Dale Wood

***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. 275**

God of Our Life

SANDON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 22, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza, Salad, Dessert

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

SECRETARY ON VACATION—Kristy will be on vacation October 20-25. She will return to the office on October 27.

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

LADIES' BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift and a friend and join the fun.

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.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday. All monies collected are used to support local hunger programs and to help fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. 30% of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area.

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. Worship	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m. Church School	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
10:45 a.m. Congregational Mt	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
Monday	9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. New Day Group	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ladies' Bingo	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
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

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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