

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 26, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Prelude on an English Melody* Hugh S. Livingston Jr.
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 65*

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

People: And to you shall vows be performed.

Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

People: You forgive our transgressions.

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with
deliverance,

People: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Leader: By your strength you established the mountains;

People: You silence the roaring of the seas and the tumult
of the peoples.

*HYMN NO. 485 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Life, we humbly confess that our faith is weak.

Your words call us to seek personal reformation,
but we are too intent on changing others.

Your words offer a transformation of our hearts,
but we are too focused on conforming to this world.

Your words invite us to embrace a new life,
but we refuse to let go of our stubborn ways.

Forgive us, Lord. Show us how to live out our faith fully every
moment of every day. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: We ask God for forgiveness.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit,

People: God hears our prayers.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ our savior,

People: We are forgiven. Amen.

*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)

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

Luke 18:9-14

*All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lord, Give Me Faith

Joseph Roff

*Lord, give me Faith, to live from day to day,
With tranquil heart to do my simple part.*

*And, with my hand in Thine,
just go Thy way, just go Thy way.*

*Lord, give me Faith, to trust, if not to know;
With quiet mind in all things Thee to find,
And, childlike, go where Thou wouldst have me go,
where Thou wouldst have me go.*

*Lord, give me Faith, to leave it all to Thee.
Lord, give me Faith, to leave it all to Thee.
The future is Thy gift, I would not lift the veil
Thy Love has hung 'twixt it and me.*

*Lord, give me Faith, to live from day to day,
And, with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.*

SERMON

From Confidence to Compassion Rev. John Grant

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 404** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

***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 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Mark Roberts

***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. 341** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ASSURANCE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress

David Cherwien

ALL SAINTS – Next Sunday, November 2, during worship, we will remember through prayer and song those members of our church who have died in the past year as well as all the saints in our lives. Please contact the church office with the names of the saints that you would like to honor regardless of when they may have died.

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 29, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

WE WELCOME JOHN GRANT TO THE PULPIT TODAY. John Grant served as Minister & Executive Director of Compassionate Hands 2018-25. Prior to that, he worked with College Hills Church of Christ. In August, he began a new role as a Spiritual Director with Standing Stone Ministry.

John & Amy have lived in Lebanon since 2005. They have three married daughters and three grandchildren.

VETERANS DAY – Veterans Day is November 11. In recognition of that day, on Sunday, November 9, we will honor our veterans in prayer. Please contact the church office with the names of the veterans that you would like to honor that day so their names can be included in the bulletin.

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.

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
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	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

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell

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Personnel – Jack Emmert

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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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