

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



November 12, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 12, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE *From an Old Hymnal* Van Denman Thompson  
CHIMING THE HOUR

## 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. 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*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.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find wisdom,  
and in your will discover your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Be a Candle of Hope*

Becki Slagle Mayo

*Be a candle of hope, be a candle of light,  
a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.  
Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.  
The more light we give, the more love we'll know.  
When you light another candle, you keep your light, but give it away.  
Yet the flame grows even brighter as the darkness turns into day.  
Be a candle of hope, be a candle of light,  
a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.  
Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.  
The more light we give, the more love we'll know.  
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TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

*What's New About the New Covenant: Inscribed Upon Our Hearts*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 275

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

\*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

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional

\*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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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH

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

OPEN MY EYES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Traditional

WORSHIP NOTES – The author and composer of our closing hymn, *Open My Eyes, That I May See*, is Clara Scott (1841-1897). Scott was born in Elk Grove, Illinois and for much of her life she taught music in the Ladies' Seminary at Lyons, Iowa. She wrote the works in *The Royal Anthem Book* (1882), the first collection of anthems published by a woman. She died at Dubuque, Iowa.

The phrase "Open my eyes" is drawn from Psalm 119:18.

## 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

November 15, 6:00 p.m.

*Thanksgiving Meal*

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

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ANNEX "SPRUCE UP" DAY is looking for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on November 18 in preparation for this season's Compassionate Hands. Clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact the church office.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received on November 26.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Thursday</b>	
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Monday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	9:00 a.m.	Annex Spruce Up
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

**SESSION**

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Nancy Gebhardt  
Mickey Stueck  
Allen Vance

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Jack Emmert

**DIACONATE**

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Anne Donnell  
Jim Stueck

**CHURCH COMMITTEES**

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Jim Stueck  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt  
Personnel –  
Worship – Wayne Patton

**STAFF**

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Chaney  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Children**  
Nursery  
Elementary Class and  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
October	\$28,240.38	\$20,595.92
YTD	\$246,974.99	\$251,782.70
	Last Week's Offering	\$6,106.00