

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



November 19, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Kremser"

Matthew H. Corl

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

People: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

Leader: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

People: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

People: Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to God who has redeemed us.

*HYMN NO. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of eternal life, we pride ourselves on being people of faith, and yet we are deaf to the sound of your Spirit.

We witness sacred signs but are blind to the sight of your kingdom. We do not comprehend the truth of your Son, and we quickly condemn that which we don't understand.

Forgive us our sins and lead us toward rebirth in you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's greatest gift is the gift of the Son. Through his sacrifice we are saved. This, indeed, is the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* 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.

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

John 3:1-17

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.*

*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.?*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation on "Thaxted"

David Blackwell

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

What's New About the New Covenant: A Covenant of Love



RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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*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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Solemn Processional

Rebecca Te Velde

*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. 559

We Gather Together

KREMSEK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in E Flat

David N. Johnson

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

WE WELCOME JEFF LIGHT AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST. Jeff is a Nashville organist who, after spending many years as an organist in many churches, decided to become a full-time substitute. He enjoys the variety of different churches and music programs as he travels around.

There will be no Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner on November 22 due to Thanksgiving. We will resume regular meals with our monthly Covered Dish on November 29.

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.

WILSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides Christmas toys to children residing in East Wilson County. They are seeking monetary and toy donations for the upcoming season. If you would like to donate, please bring your donations to the church office by Thursday, November 30.

LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT is holding their annual **Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive**. The cost to sponsor one Wilson County child is \$20. If you would like to be a sponsor, please bring your donation to the church office. You are welcome to sponsor more than one child or donate a specific amount.

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

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	No Activities
10:00 a.m.	Church School	Thursday
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thanksgiving Day
Monday		Friday
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	Office Closed
Tuesday		Saturday

SESSION

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch

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 –

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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
October	\$23,190.45	\$21,068.58
YTD	\$270,198.44	\$272,860.98
	Last Week's Offering	\$3,710.00