

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON



November 29, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 29, 2020 *First Sunday of Advent*

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* J.S. Bach
Trio and Two Manual with Pedal Chorale Arrangements

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Cal & Violet Clark

Leader: Holy God, come and shine your love in the world!
Let us pray together.

People: God of Life, we rejoice in your eternal love. We
pray for courage as we wait for your Son to shine
on our world. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

HYMN NO. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vss. 1, 3, 4)*
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the kingdom, you freely invite us into your glorious
realm, yet we confess that we follow only when it seems
convenient for us.

Our intentions are good, but our flesh is weak.

We are easily distracted by our own proclivities.

Forgive us our sins and empower us to be vigilant for the time
that is coming. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news. Jesus came to rouse us from
our sleep and lead us into the kingdom of
salvation.

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

GLORIA

Hymn No. 23

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.*

*O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-46

*My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;
yet not what I want but what you want.*

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

Teach Us To Pray: Jesus

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

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. 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

PSALM 42

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *O Little Town of Bethlehem* HYMN 44

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

J.S. Bach

Full Organ with Chorale Theme in Pedal Arrangement

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

December 16, 6:00 p.m.

*Honeybaked Ham & Rolls, Twice Mashed Potatoes,
Broccoli Casserole, Eggnog Cake*

To make a reservation, please call the church office by Friday,
December 11 at (615) 444-1360.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – Due to the continuing coronavirus situation, Compassionate Hands will use only two shelters this winter. The women will be housed at The Glade Church and the men will use a facility on N. College Street that Compassionate Hands is purchasing. We will continue to provide bedding, breakfast, and do the laundry for the women on Saturday nights. We will also contribute to the food pantry that will be used for daily lunches. To volunteer with this vital community outreach, contact the church office.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) –No youth activities this week.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Pat Bone	Suanne Bone	Becky Burris
Robin Orewiler	Don Goodwin	Jessica Fain
Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Mickey Stueck
Kim Wall	David Howell	

DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
Marty Bone	Lee Lyle	Marilyn Peyton
Linda Gatlin	Sandra Patton	Laura Simmons
Pat Hatcher	Emily Peyton	Margaret Ann Trail

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – John Foutch
Budget & Finance –
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Robin Orewiler
Personnel – Suanne Bone
Worship – Pat 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	Adult
Nursery	Atypical Class
Preschool – 1 st Grade	Cross Roads Class
Elementary Class	Faith Builders Class
Middle School Class	Westminster Class
High School Class	Women's Class

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