

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 7, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 7, 2024

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

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Cesar Franck

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's children.

People: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

Leader: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love and mercy.

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 40

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We gather in the name of God and place our confession on the altar of salvation.

People: We admit that sin builds up within us.

Leader: It is through the mercy of God that we have the good news:

People: In the name of 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)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:21-35

*This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be opposed
so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—
and a sword will pierce your own soul too.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hal H. Hopson

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, take and seal it for thy courts above.*

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SERMON

Rev. Stacy Rector

Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary: Pierced

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 504 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

***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

Adagio

Cesar Franck

***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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 485**

To God Be the Glory

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Religious Procession

Rob Roy Perry

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 10, 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Casserole, Butter Beans, Salad, Butter Pecan Cake

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

WE WELCOME the Rev. Stacy Rector to the pulpit today. Stacy is the Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, and a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She also currently serves on the Peacemaking and Outreach committees for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and on the board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

Rev. Edington has been on Study Leave this week. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, January 20, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office at (615) 444-1360.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2024 - If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory of or in honor of loved ones for a particular Sunday in 2024, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
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	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	Saturday	
5:00 p.m.	Officer Training		

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
NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader
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
November	\$23,760.56	\$16,232.19
YTD	\$293,969.90	\$289,096.62
	Last Week's Offering	\$4,200.00