

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 10, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 10, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C

John Stanley

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Leader: Let us raise our voices to praise the living God, who satisfies us with good as long as we live, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: Let us praise Jesus Christ, who heals our diseases and saves our lives from despair.

Leader: Let us praise the Spirit, who anoints us with grace and power.

All: Let all creation bless the God of healing love!
Amen.

HYMN NO. 66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

People: Let us follow the light.

Leader: Jesus brings light to the world and forgives our sins. This is the good news.

People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Rachel Aarons

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of our Ancestors, Eternal Hope:
Open our hearts to your ancient wisdom,
That in hearing your word, we may
Rejoice in the promise of the Living One
And pour out love to all in our midst;
We ask all these things in the name of the one who
Redeems, Creates, and Sustains us today and forever more.
Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

The Theology of the Cross

Michael Schulte

Winter Book Club
Join us for a ten-week
book study beginning
Sunday, January 24 at
11:10am via Zoom.
To sign up, visit:
FPCLebanon.org/bookclub

**THE BIBLE
WITH AND
WITHOUT
JESUS**
HOW JEWS AND CHRISTIANS
READ THE SAME STORIES
DIFFERENTLY
AMY-JILL LEVINE
MARC ZVI BRETTLER

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE CREED OF EPIPHANY
by Pastor Andreas Wagner

I believe in God, the creator of the universe,
who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world
That shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it.
He embodied humanity in the image of God.
In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion,
He suffered for the greater good.
He was and is the Son of God.
He died on the cross for us,
God's saving grace!

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The guiding light of God in our world.
Through his spirit, God penetrates and reveals
The darkness of human sin, helps people grow and
Become the people they are meant to be.
I believe in the power of transformation,
Through God's spirit and light,
Here in this world and in the world to come.
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. 68 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

NASCITUR

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Noel Rawsthorne

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

January 20, 6:00 p.m.

White Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread and Dessert

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by noon on Friday, January 15.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 – If you would like to provide flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones on a particular Sunday in 2021, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE -- As the NFL playoffs convene, so does our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive**. This drive collects food for the Wilson County Community Help Center and our goal this year is to collect 1,000 food items. You can donate your food based on the team you believe will win the Super Bowl (monetary donations are also accepted). When a team loses, their food will be given to the team to whom they lost. On Super Bowl Sunday, ONE team will claim the food drive victory. Donate food Monday through Friday during regular business hours or during Sunday worship.

NEW MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY -- As we begin the New Year, I hope you will join us Monday nights at 6pm for a Bible study titled: "Take Back Your Life." This study will include interactive videos, engaging discussions, and weekly challenges which ask us to shift our mindset to better live into the grace and love of God. –Michael.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will resume on January 20.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
with Michael

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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