

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 12, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 29

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people!

People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*HYMN NO. 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of New Life, we are filled with a zealous expectation over your presence in our lives. We yearn to be close to you, to experience the warmth of your love. However, we confess that we turn away from you and fail to embrace the good news as being good.

Forgive us, we pray. Pour out your Holy Spirit into our lives. Set us afire and make us new. Help us live lives that reflect your glory. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: This is the Good News. Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE

No. 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***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 3:15-22

You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy Water

We the Kingdom

SERMON

Baptized With Fire Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN**

As the Deer

*As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee;
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee.*

Chorus

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield;
You alone, are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee.*
*You're my friend and you are my brother,
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything. (chorus)*
*I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.(chorus)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 341** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Go in Peace!

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

January 15, 6:00 p.m.

Soup Cook-off

Please see bulletin insert.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to W.P. Bone and family on the death of his sister, Nancy Scott, on December 25 in Columbia, Tennessee.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, January 18, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2025 - If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory of or in honor of loved ones for a particular Sunday in 2025, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
11:00 a.m. Worship		6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal	
Monday		6:30 p.m. Bible Study	
6:00 p.m. New Day AA Group		6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	
Tuesday		Thursday	
9:00 a.m. Preschool		9:00 a.m. Preschool	
		6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	
		Friday	
		Saturday	
		8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail

DIACONATE

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail
Personnel – Jack Emmert
Worship – Mickey Stueck

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
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Elementary Class and
Middle - High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class

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