

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 19, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Standing on the Promises*

Traditional

CHIMING THE HOUR

## 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

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 36*

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

People: Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

People: Your judgments are like the great deep.

Leader: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

People: And your salvation to the upright of heart!

### \*HYMN NO. 442 *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of all celebrations, you poured life itself over the canvas of creation. Your word is genesis. You take the ordinary and make it exceptional.

We acknowledge that all good comes from you and yet we continue to wallow in despair. We confess that when there is plenty, we see only scarcity. When there is warmth, we feel alone. Where there is joy, we whine and grumble.

Forgive our selfish ways and help us see your glory in our lives. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Although we may not always hear God, God hears us. God hears our confessions and offers us forgiveness. Friends, believe the good news:

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

*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)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

*Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification,  
each holding twenty or thirty gallons.  
Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water."*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*Oh, How Joyfully!*

William G. Noyes

*Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily Christmas comes with its grace divine!  
Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming;  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!*

*Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily Christmas comes with its peace divine!  
Peace on earth is reigning, Christ our peace regaining,  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!*

*Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily Christmas comes with its life divine!  
Angels high in glory, Chant the Christmas story,  
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!*

SERMON

*Life of the Party*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 357      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      MARYTON

\*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      *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*      Traditional

### \*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. 369      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*      I'M GONNA LIVE

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE      *What a Fellowship*      Traditional

### DEACONS' CHILI MEAL

The Annual Deacons' Chili Day will be Wednesday, February 19, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and can be purchased from any Deacon or the church office.

## 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

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Sherard and Courtney Edington on the death of Courtney's mother, Annie Evelyn Hollins, on Monday in Nashville.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP has been cancelled on January 22 due to the prediction of inclement weather.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of **JoAnne Adams** by Kathy and Joe Adams.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT - All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun!

### THANK YOU TO OUTGOING CHURCH OFFICERS

Our most sincere thanks go to the following officers who will complete their terms of service this month. Your work is deeply appreciated.

ELDERS - Max Carter, Nancy Gebhardt, Mickey Stueck, and Allen Vance

DEACONS - Jonathan Bouton, Carol Turner, Van Turner, and Sandra Weatherford

NEW OFFICERS - On Sunday, January 26, we will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of the new class of church officers.

RULING ELDERS: Marilyn Peyton and Allen Vance

DEACONS: Mickey Stueck and Kim Wall.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

## YOUTH

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

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Tuesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Wednesday	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
12:15 p.m.	Combined Officers' Meeting	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	<b>Office Closed</b>	Friday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	Saturday	
7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bingo		

## 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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