

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 26, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2025 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius

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 19*

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

### \*HYMN NO. 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgive us our many sins, O Lord, and bless us with your mercy. Although you intend for us to live as one body, we confess that we would rather go it alone.

We ignore the diverse gifts of the Spirit.

We do not consider each person as valued.

We honor a few and reject the least.

Help us to become one in Christ and gather at your table without division. Help us to love. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God sent a son to lift the burden of sin from our lives. Friends, believe the good news:

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

## \*KYRIE

No. 572

*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)

Spirit Divine, each day you raise us up to experience new life. Open our hearts and guide our reading of your holy word. Equip us to discern your will for the church today and empower us to spread Christ's liberating word by caring for neighbor and stranger without reserve. In God's holy name we pray, Amen!

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;*

*Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd.*

*Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

*Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings;*

*Where the flock in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.*

*Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.*

*Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.*

### SERMON

*One Body, Many Parts*

Rev. Sherard Edington



Please bring your canned food and monetary donations for our Souper Bowl collection on Sunday, February 9. All donations go to support the work of the School Family Resource Centers.

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 404     *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*     PRECIOUS LORD

\*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     *There Is a Fountain*     Harold DeCou

### \*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.*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### PROPOUNDING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

#### TO THE OFFICERS

#### TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept *Allen, Kim,  
Marilyn, and Mickey* as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by  
God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the  
way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to  
respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us,  
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

### THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 339     *Be Thou My Vision*     SLANE

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE     *Fanfare on "National Hymn"*     Stanley E. Saxton

## 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 29, 6:00 p.m.

*Covered Dish (chicken will be provided)*

Bring your favorite dish and a friend. Come join the fun!

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of **George Gebhardt** by his family.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Becky (Harm) and Mitch Kamp on the death of Mitch's father, Craig Kamp, on January 11 in Virginia. There will be a memorial service in the Sanctuary today at 2:00 p.m.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on February 2 at 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and hear the Annual Statistical Report.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow envelope. A portion of this offering stays with FPC to use locally with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.

DEACONS' CHILI MEAL CANCELLED – The Annual Deacons' Chili Meal will not be held this year. However, we will serve "Deacon Chili" at the Wednesday Fellowship Meal on February 19.

LOST ITEM – On Sunday, January 19, one of our members lost a pair of reading glasses in a red case. Inside the case was a tan ink pen that had sentimental value. If you locate these items, please drop them off in the church office. The last known location was the Fellowship Hall.

## 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

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
2:00 p.m.	Kamp Memorial	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	

## SESSION

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

Class of 2026  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail  
Allen Vance

Class of 2027  
Marilyn Peyton

## DIACONATE

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Jim Stueck  
Kim Wall

Class of 2026  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2027

## 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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