

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



February 2, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *When We All Get to Heaven* 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

Leader: In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,

People: so we might never be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness, O Lord,
let us find deliverance,

People: so we might experience your saving power.

Leader: In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,

People: so we might find confidence in you alone.

Leader: You are our rock and our refuge,
our fortress and shield.

People: We turn to you this day in worship and in praise.

*HYMN NO. 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the Spirit, we thank you for your presence among us, a constant source of strength and hope. Yet, we confess how easily our praise becomes conditional, offered only when it suits us. Too often, we reject the Good News and fail to embrace its urgent call to action. We neglect the cries of the oppressed. We trivialize the voices of your holy people among us. Forgive us our failings. Heal our brokenness and help us proclaim the freedom that is found only in you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even before we were born, God knew us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. Rejoice!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven!

People: 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 4:16-30

Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* Walter Ehret

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitation, no op'ning skies; But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

SERMON

Homecoming

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

*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**

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I Look to the Hills

Beatrice A. Miller

***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. 324** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major

George F. Handel

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

February 5, 6:00 p.m.

Gumbo, Potato Salad, Bread Pudding

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

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.

The **LSSD Family Resource Center** requests the following donations: pop-top canned foods, Slim Jim meat sticks, ravioli, peanut butter and crackers, canned chicken, and other items that need no preparation. All donations may be placed in the bins in the back hallway.



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 Lebanon School Family Resource Centers.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

9:00 a.m. NCC Worship
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day AA Group

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday

Saturday

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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