

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Traditional

*CHIMING THE HOUR

***SONG OF WELCOME** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* St. Thomas

*I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.*

*I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by
Jesus Christ.

People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Leader: All who thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

People: All who are lost will find safety here.

Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

People: All who are broken will find healing here.

Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are
welcome here!

People: Let us worship God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

1. *I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.*
2. *The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.*
3. *Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.*
4. *Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of life, you graciously call us to come to you,
but we turn away. We ignore you and the many signs that you
send. We dismiss your prophets and close our ears to your
Word. Greedily, we seek out that which will feed us today
while we ignore that which will nourish us for eternity.
Hear our confessions, we pray. Forgive us and help us receive
the true bread of heaven. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace
overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's
generosity overflows.

People: We have been claimed as God's own people.

Leader: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

People: 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)

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today
that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.
Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,
loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMNS OF FAITH

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

SERMON

Choose Life

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

1. *Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.*

2. *There sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread,
that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.*

*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 AND DEDICATION OF FOOD OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

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.*

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

I'll Fly Away

I'LL FLY AWAY

1. *Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

Refrain: *I'll fly away, Oh glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

2. *When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.*

3. *Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

I'll Fly Away

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

*POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Traditional

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



DEACONS' CHILI DAY – The Annual Deacons' Chili Day will be this Wednesday, February 15, 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. Carry-out boxes will be available. Beef, turkey, and vegetarian chili will be served as well as drinks and dessert.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Rachel Low on the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Thompson, on February 7.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will meet Monday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joy Pine will be our guest speaker.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP – Church members Adrienne Johnson and Margaret Ann Trail will represent FPC on a mission trip to Guatemala in March. Each participating congregation has been asked to contribute \$1,000 toward the purchase of medical supplies for the trip. There will be a bake sale on Sunday, February 19, to support these efforts. If sweet treats and savory goodies aren't on your diet, contributions are also welcome!

YOUTH

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

MISSION

COMPASSIONATE HANDS - On Thursday, FPC hosted 14 women.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

9:00 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Session Meeting

Monday

10:30 a.m. Presbyterian
Women
6:00 p.m. New Day (AA)

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)

Wednesday

11am-7pm Deacons' Chili Day
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)

Saturday

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation

Pastor – Sherard Edington

Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles

Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

Nursery – Sara Chaney

Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Nursery

Elementary Class and

Middle- High School Class

Adult

Crossroads Class

Faith Builders Class

Westminster Class

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| FINANCIAL UPDATE | | |
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| | Expenses | Income |
| December | \$37,261.58 | \$30,104.35 |
| YTD | \$363,649.96 | \$329,415.73 |
| | Last Week's Offering | \$14,140.00 |