

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FIRST
Sunday
IN **LENT**


February 21, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Fugue in D minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

People: For you are the God of my salvation;
For you I will wait all day long.

*HYMN NO. 383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world. He came to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, so we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's compassion knows no boundaries;

God's grace is greater than all our sins.

Friends, hear the good news of our salvation:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Meyers

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs of the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12

SERMON

Faith Healing: Through the Roof

Rev. Sherard Edington

Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*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

*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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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 87 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin*

J.S. Bach

Lent is the 40-day season during which the Church prepares for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because Sundays are considered "mini-Easters," a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen" referring to the lengthening of the daylight hours which occurs in the northern hemisphere during spring.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

February 24, 6:00 p.m.

Gumbo, Potato Salad, Bread Pudding

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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on February 28 at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and hear the Annual Statistical Report.

Lenten Prayer Service – Join us Mondays at 6:45 p.m. during Lent for a weekly prayer service. Each week we will focus on a new spiritual practice which can bring us closer to God. To participate, login to Zoom using the same information you use to login to worship (the prayer service will **not** be live-streamed on Facebook).

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Youth group is open to ages 10 and up.

WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL – Snow in February? There is a high probability that it might appear on February 24 at 6 p.m. Join us that evening for our Winter Wonderland Festival. It will be a night of fun and fellowship which includes an interactive Bible lesson. This event is open to all ages.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Winter Book Club

Monday

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Becky Burris
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Anne Donnell
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Suanne Bone
Worship – Jessica Fain

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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