

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

SECOND SUNDAY IN
LENT 

March 5, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Our Father Who Art in Heaven* J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come, because we are those who seek to trust in God.

People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides.

People: We don't want to worry, but want to open ourselves to God's heart.

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

People: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

Leader: Now, this very morning, let us worship God together.

People: We belong to the Holy One. And we have come to worship!

*HYMN NO. 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are repenting, and we are sorry. Free us from selfishness so that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own gain. Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect, we construct systems that are unjust. We devise ways to elevate ourselves over others, and we allow differences to divide us and lead to brokenness. Holy One, please forgive us again. Restore in us and in our life together, the divine image you intend. We pray to be one with you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Take delight in the good news, dear friends.
Salvation is from Almighty God, who restores us to
new life. In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven.
People: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 40: 1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

To Thee, O Comforter Divine

David White

*To Thee, O Comforter divine, for all Thy grace and pow'r benign,
sing we alleluia! alleluia!
To Thee, whose faithful love had place in God's great covenant of grace,
sing we alleluia! alleluia!
To Thee, whose faithful pow'r doth heal, enlighten, sanctify, and seal,
sing we alleluia! alleluia!
To Thee, by Jesus Christ sent down, of all his gifts the sum and crown,
sing we alleluia! alleluia! Sing we alleluia! alleluia!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 20-25

SERMON

Hearers of the Call

Rev. Candice K. Howell

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE CONFESSION OF 1967 9.44

“God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God’s reconciling love, our Lord overcomes the barriers between family members and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.” This, we believe. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

***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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Now because we’ve been fed at the Table of God, we will open our minds to understand the needs around us, and we will go, to be Christ’s servants in the world. We will open our hands to share our blessings, and we will go, to be the Spirit’s hope for the world. We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them. This requires boldness, and we will go, because we have been fed at the Table of God. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 339**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Praise God, Ye Sons of Men

J.S. Bach

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME the Rev. Candice Klein-Howell to the pulpit this morning. Candice is a retired Pastor and a Certified Hospital Chaplain, having ministered for sixteen years, the last four at First Presbyterian Church in Gallatin. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee—Knoxville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Greg, live in Gallatin with their two shelter dogs, Molly & Baxter, who recognize that although Candice is their pack leader, it's Greg who is so much fun, and he buys only the best squeaker toys.

Sherard Edington is on vacation with his family and will return tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS – Due to spring break, there is no meal on March 8. Regular meals will resume on March 15.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will meet Monday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

YOUTH

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

MISSION

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – On Thursday, FPC hosted 7 women.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Sunday School		6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship		Thursday
11:15 a.m. Deacons' Meeting		Friday
Monday		6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)
6:00 p.m. New Day (AA)		Saturday
Tuesday		
6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)		

SESSION

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024
Jackie Cowden
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert

DIACONATE

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Anne Donnell
Jim Stueck

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt
Personnel – Jackie Cowden
Worship – Wayne Patton

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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
January	\$24,137.03	\$55,095.79
YTD	\$24,137.03	\$55,095.79
	Last Week's Offering	\$1,116.00