

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 9, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Prologue

Walker Baylor

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 138

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me,

People: You increased my strength of soul.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

People: For they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

People: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

*HYMN NO. 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Life, we bring ourselves to worship you, but our lives are too cluttered with our sins. We've allowed our distractions and selfish pursuits to displace you from our hearts.

We put ourselves first in all that we do and confess our complicity in upholding systems that exploit the poor and oppress the weak. We have failed to defend the vulnerable.

Forgive us, Lord, and cleanse us from our greed. Restore in us a zeal for your righteousness. Help us create the sacred spaces where true worship may flourish. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God loves us. God knows us. God believes in us.

People: God renews our strength when we are weak.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***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)

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 11:15-18

*Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?
But you have made it a den of robbers.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Natalie Sleeth

*Join to rejoice, lift up your voice, sing a new song to the Lord!
Harmonies fair, filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord!
Let one and all answer the call: music and melodies raise;
God to adore forevermore with joyful anthems of praise!*

*Come, chant with delight, canticles bright to God Almighty!
Sing of good cheer, echoing clear, to God the Lord!
Now instruments bring, trumpet and string, this day of days,
the Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!*

*With thanks, O God, for blessings all, our heritage we now recall;
With grateful hearts we pledge anew
to sing your song our whole life through.*

*In ev'ry land begin the song; to ev'ry land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise, And fill the world with loudest praise.*

SERMON *A Week of Holy Terror: Disturbing the Peace*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

*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 *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Gilbert M. Martin

*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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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *God Is Ascended* George Blake

WORSHIP NOTES – 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEAL on Wednesday, March 12 due to spring break.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Thursday	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	Friday	
Monday		Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group		
Tuesday			

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 –
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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