

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
LENT



March 12, 2023



**\*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 9:14-29

*Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"*  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Go Forth to Life, O Child of Earth*

V. D. Thompson

*Go forth to life, O child of earth!  
Still mindful of thy heav'nly birth;  
Thou art not here for ease or sin,  
But manhood's noble crown to win.*

*Go on from innocence of youth  
To manly purity and truth;  
God's angels still are near to save,  
And God Himself doth help the brave.*

*The tempters strong stand in thy way,  
Thy spirit is more strong than they;  
Tho' passion's fires burn hot in thy soul,  
Thy spirit can their flames control.*

*Then forth to life, O child of earth!  
Be worthy of thy heav'nly birth!  
For noble service thou art here;  
Thy brothers help, thy God revere. Amen.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Children are invited to come forward

**SERMON**

*Christ Encounters: Unbelief*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 394     *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

\*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     *There Is a Green Hill Far Away*     Brian Glyncannon

\*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

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

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## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 80     *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*     LONESOME VALLEY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE     *Jesus Shall Reign*     Raymond H. Hann

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 15, 6:00 p.m.

*Potato Bar, Salad, Dessert*

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

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of **Claudine Prowell** by her family. Claudine was the church organist from 1960-2002.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2023** – If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory of or in honor of loved ones for a particular Sunday in 2023, please contact Kristy in the office.

**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.

**STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE** – First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations Through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. FPC will be the second of the stops to commemorate the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to welcome the participants. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, April 7, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

## YOUTH

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

## MISSION

**COMPASSIONATE HANDS** – On Thursday, FPC hosted 8 women.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	
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

Nursery  
Elementary Class and  
Middle- High School Class

### Adult

Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders 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	\$7,856.00