

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 17, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Recitative and Chorale

Walker Baylor

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 51

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain
in me a willing spirit. I will teach transgressors your
ways, and sinners will return to you.

People: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare
your praise. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDRETH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mickey Stueck

SPECIAL MUSIC

Au bord de l'eau

Gabriel Faure

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the Covenant, we confess we have broken all our
promises. We have not remained faithful. We are caught up in
so many things that we sometimes forget to acknowledge you
in our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Call us into a holy pause.

Help us walk a path of contemplation and seek you in every
moment. Turn us away from the busy-ness of the world and
turn our hearts to you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God
who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins
no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

People: In Jesus 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

*And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Salut d'Amour

Edward Elgar

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SERMON

Mission BELLS: 5. Sent

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

*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 *Aurore* Gabriel Faure

*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. 354 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Introduction and Recessional* Gilbert M. Martin

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 20, 6:00 p.m.

Potato Bar, Salad, Dessert

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

WE WELCOME cellist **Deidre Emerson** to our worship service today. Deidre is Professor of Cello at Tennessee State University and teaches at Nashville State Community College and Trevecca Nazarene University.

The ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received on Sunday, March 24. Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE – First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations Through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, March 29, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, March 23, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Sherard is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day Group
7:00 p.m. Ladies' Bingo

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday

6:00 p.m. Cyclical Full Circle

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Cyclical Full Circle
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Nancy Boyd
Jack Emmert
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail

DIACONATE

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt
Congregational Care – Nancy Boyd
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
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
February	\$22,477.22	\$18,194.63
YTD	\$52,108.16	\$33,071.06
	Last Week's Offering	\$5,245.00