

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT 

March 19, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

*Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott
If Thou but Trust in God*

David Cherwien

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

People: As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be led
by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was
faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

People: As we seek to follow Jesus, may the Spirit lead us
even into the uncomfortable choices.

Leader: Jesus departed from the wilderness faithful and
obedient to the One in whom he trusted.

People: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, may we
be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

[by T. Shuman]

*HYMN NO. 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Wayne Patton

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the Spirit, when we read of how Jesus was tempted in
the wilderness, we are quick to dismiss his encounter as
trivial. We insist that anyone can oppose the devil. But in our
hearts, we know how easily we would buckle.

We confess that our faith is weak and that we are more than
willing to challenge you. We fail to worship you with our
whole being.

Forgive us our many sins, we pray, and help us to serve only
you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins on the cross, so that we,
free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

Matthew 4:1-11

*Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

At Home, Let There Be Love

Ruth Elaine Schram

*At home, let there be peace, let there be love.
May we be slow to anger and fast to forgive;
may joy and patience abound where we live;
at home, sweet home, let there be love.*

*At home, let there be peace, let there be love.
May we be kind and gentle and show self-control,
both child and parent, both young and old;
at home, sweet home, let there be love.*

*As families together we pray before our Father's throne;
may home be a refuge of peace and protection,
a place where your presence is known.*

*At home, let there be peace; at home, sweet home,
let there be love, love.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Encountering Christ: Tempted

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 87 *The Glory of These Forty Days* ERHALT UNS. HERR

*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 *On the Wings of the Morning* Anthony Giamanco

*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. 82 *O Lamb of God Most Holy!* O LAMM GOTTES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Fanfare on "National Hymn"* Stanley E. Saxton

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 22, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend and join the fun and fellowship.

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

THE ROSE on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Charles "Charlie" Christopher II to Lauren and Chris Wooden on March 14. Proud grandparents are Jane and Tracey Hay.

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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

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
February	\$24,287.58	\$27,936.72
YTD	\$48,424.61	\$83,032.51
	Last Week's Offering	\$10,808.00