

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FOURTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**


March 27, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 27, 2022

Fourth 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 32

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

People: Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Happy are those who confess their sins to the Lord.

People: Happy are the faithful who offer prayers.

Leader: O Lord, you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

People: Your steadfast love surrounds us because we trust in you! Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Infinite Charity, we live lives of luxury while others near us are starving and forgotten. We confess that we do nothing as the rich devour the poor. We are indifferent to the destitute. Soften our hearts, we pray, and make us open to the plight of the needy. Forgive us our sins and direct us to become givers of holy compassion and sources of divine love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich."

People: In Christ we dwell in the richness of God's favor.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus' name, we are forgiven!

* 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

Luke 16:19-31

*There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted
sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus,
covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich
man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died
and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.*

*The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being
tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.
He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the
tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Georgiann Toole

*Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to thee,
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.
Though like the wanderer, sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.
Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Disciplines of Faith: Almsgiving

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 76 *My Song Is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN

*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 *A Theme of Consecration* Robert Thygerson

*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. 92 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Introduction and Recessional* Gilbert 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 30, 6:00 p.m.

Potato Bar with fixings, Salad, Dessert

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

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of **Robert Douglas** who died on March 19.

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 15, please contact Kristy in the church office.

SPRING SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES APRIL 10 – Join us on Sunday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. as Dr. James P. Byrd returns to FPC to talk about *The Bible and the American Civil War*. Dr. Byrd is a Professor of Religious History and Chair of the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt Divinity School. His book, *A Holy Baptism of Fire: The Bible and the American Civil War* was named one of the top books of 2021 by *Christianity Today*. You won't want to miss this tantalizing lecture which discusses how the Bible was wielded as a weapon by both the North and the South to support their cause in the Civil War.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Monday		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

ELDERS

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck
Pat Bone
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2023
Jackie Cowden
Tracey Hay

DIACONATE

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

CHURCH COMMITTEES

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

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – Darryl Nettles
Keyboards – Jonathan Snow
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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