

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 30, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Liebster Jesu"* Robert Graham
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 62*

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

People: For my hope is from him.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation;

People: I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

People: My refuge is in the Lord.

***HYMN NO. 482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Truth, we often fail to stand for what is right.

We confess that we prioritize our own comfort and security over faithfulness to you. In the face of injustice, we can be silent when we should speak.

Forgive us for our acts of indifference. May your grace transform our hearts and fill us with a burning desire for justice and mercy. May we remain firm in our faith and always live in obedience to your will. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Once we were "dead" to all that God hoped for us.

People: In God's love we are brought to life.

Leader: Let us rejoice that we are forgiven and renewed.

People: This is God's will. 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 15:1-15

*Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered him, "You say so."*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Lord's My Shepherd

Roger Price

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again, and in His love abide.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me;
and Thy rod and staff my comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished, my cup Thou over fills.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

SERMON *A Week of Holy Terror: The Sound of Silence*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Lead, Kindly Light* Dale Wood

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Standing on the Promises of God* Traditional

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Lasagna, Baked Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Tiramisu

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

TOWN HALL MEETING – You are invited to join us for a Town Hall Meeting today at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for us to collaboratively shape the future of FPC. At tables of 3-5 people, we will engage in small group discussions to share our thoughts and perspectives on key questions presented by the meeting leader. The insights gathered from these discussions will be instrumental in helping our Elders develop a comprehensive vision for FPC's near and long-term future.

KRISTY OUT OF OFFICE – Kristy will be out of the office Tuesday, April 1, through Friday, April 4, to care for her husband following his surgery.

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	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
4:00 p.m.	Town Hall Mtg.	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

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

Congregational Care & Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail

Personnel – Jack Emmert

Worship & Christian Education – 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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