

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FOURTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**



March 31, 2019

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Praeludium in G minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from the Psalms*

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

Leader: You have set our iniquities before you,

People: Our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

HYMN NO. 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of Grace, we confess that our lives are grubby with sin.

In unrelenting mercy, you call us to peace but we run away.

We seek out temptation and offend your will.

We embrace our human self as we dismiss the divine.

We fail to proclaim Christ's sacrifice and love to a desperate world.

Help us find our senses.

Help us accept that there are no limitations to your grace.

Help us become new. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In God, the broken are made whole, the lost are brought home, and the empty are filled. This is the good news of our salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: 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.

ANTIPHONAL PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 32



Happy those whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R)

Many sorrows has the wicked; but those who trust in the Lord, loving mercy surrounds them. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R)

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-24

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

ANTHEM

Abide with Me

arr. Malcolm Archer

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joy grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest no, abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON *Life in Christ: Life in New Creation* 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 *Praeludium in G minor (fugue)* Dietrich Buxtehude

*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

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 394 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Praeludium in G minor
(concluding fanfare)* Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish (chicken will be provided)

Bring a dish and a friend and join the fellowship.
To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615)444-1360 by **Tuesday**.

A CHURCHWIDE EASTER EGG HUNT AND SPRING FELLOWSHIP for all ages will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14 on The Hill at Wedge Oak, 4284 Old Murfreesboro Road West (home of Carol and Van Turner) from 3 to 5 p.m. Grab your bonnet, basket, a friend, and a lawn chair and join your church family for egg hunting, fellowship and light refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held following the April 17 meal.

Plastic Easter eggs, candies or small toys that will fit inside the eggs are needed for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please place in the box in the back hallway or leave in the church office by April 12.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS is having an end-of-season celebration dinner on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Senior Citizen Center. All are welcome to attend. At FPC this year, 34 members helped take care of 24 different women over 15 weeks. We averaged 6 beds per week. Thank you to everyone and please come and celebrate. The dinner costs \$10 per person. You can pay ahead at compassionatehandstn.org or at the door. Homeless guests are free, so a donation for them is also welcome.

SERMON SERIES – Today is the third of a 6-part Lenten Sermon Series called *Life in Christ*. Through the scripture readings for Lent and Easter we will explore what it means to live our lives with Christ.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

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

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Christian Ed Mtg.
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2019

Jeff Campbell
David Foutch
Carol Turner
Scott Williams

Class of 2020

Pat Bone
Dee Lineberger
Robin Orewiler
Wayne Patton

Class of 2021

Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

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Class of 2019

Jonathan Bouton
Mary Margaret Farris
Sandra Weatherford
Blair Welser

Class of 2020

Sondra Bishop
Linda Gatlin

Class of 2021

Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Nursery

Preschool – 1st Grade

Elementary Class

Middle School Class

High School Class

Adult

Atypical Class

Cross Roads Class

Faith Builders Class

Westminster Class

Women's Class

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