

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



April 16, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Lyndell Leatherman

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 16*

Leader: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at
my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

People: You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy.

*HYMN NO. 122 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of New Life,

Even in this season of Easter, we still find it challenging to
open our hearts to the risen Christ.

We confess that we question the Resurrection.

We doubt the power of the Messiah among us.

We resist the Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray. Soften our hearts to your glory.

Help us to be your witnesses of good news to our battered
world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LITANY OF ASSURANCE

By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living
hope through Christ's resurrection from the dead.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.
We have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

By God's power we are guarded through faith for a salvation to be revealed in the last time.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.
The trials you may suffer are so that your faith may prove itself worthy of all praise, glory, and honor when Christ is revealed.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.
As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.

***KYRIE**

No. 572

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in
faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own

F. Mendelssohn

But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children.

But the Lord is mindful of His own;

The Lord remembers His children, remembers His children.

Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us!

Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us!

Yea, the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children.

Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON *Encountering Christ: Witnesses*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

*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 *Meditation on "Passion Chorale"* Fred Bock

*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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Hosanna to the Son of David* 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

April 19, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza, 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 Nancy Lanius and family on the death of her husband, Gwynn Lanius, on April 10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO David Raines and Johna McLemore who were married in the sanctuary on April 15. David and Johna are longtime friends of our church secretary, Kristy.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT –

All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, April 29, at 8:00 a.m. Subject: Scars. (Note: the date has changed from April 22.)



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
11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m.	Presby. Women	Friday	
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)		

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	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	\$24,287.58	\$27,936.72
YTD	\$48,424.61	\$83,032.51
	Last Week's Offering	\$5,000.01