

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LEBANON



April 23, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

Leader: I love the Lord. He hears when I call. He hears my prayers.

People: We will call on the Lord as long as we live.

Leader: How do we give thanks to God for the abundance of God's love?

People: We will call on the Lord as long as we live.

Leader: We are your servants, O God; you have loosed our bonds!

People: We will call on the Lord as long as we live.

Leader: Let us lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of God's people.

People: We will call on the Lord as long as we live.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 113 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Heaven, you invite us to be your people and yet too often we fall short of your expectations. We do not love one another as we should, and we dismiss our sacred vows.

We fail to welcome outsiders with hospitality, and we turn our backs on those who are different. In our fear, we refuse to share. We grasp after more than we need.

Forgive us our sins and our shortfalls. Help us become the creation that you intend us to be. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: From the words of our lips and the utterances of our hearts God hears the confessions we offer.
Friends, this is the good news:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*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

Luke 24:13-35

*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lord, Give Me Faith

Joseph Roff

*Lord, give me Faith, to live from day to day,
With tranquil heart to do my simple part.
And, with my hand in Thine,
just go Thy way, just go Thy way.*

*Lord, give me Faith, to trust, if not to know;
With quiet mind in all things Thee to find,
And, childlike, go where Thou wouldst have me go,
where Thou wouldst have me go.*

*Lord, give me Faith, to leave it all to Thee.
Lord, give me Faith, to leave it all to Thee.
The future is Thy gift, I would not lift the veil
Thy Love has hung 'twixt it and me.*

*Lord, give me Faith, to live from day to day,
And, with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Christ Encounters: Tables

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 324 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

*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

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Day by Day

Edward Broughton

*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. 121 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

NASCITUR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *When, In Our Music, God Is Glorified*

Anna L. Page

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

April 26, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.



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
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
		Saturday	
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

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
March	\$35,666.87	\$26,612.25
YTD	\$84,091.48	\$109,644.76
	Last Week's Offering	\$2,117.00