

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



April 27, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Paul Manx
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

Leader: Blessed are those who doubt,

People: For faith is a journey, not a destination.

Leader: Blessed are those who question,

People: For easy answers are dismissed,
but truth takes time to discern.

Leader: Blessed are those who have not seen,

People: Blessed are those who have come to believe.

Leader: Blessed are those who struggle in their faith,

People: For God has called us in the struggle together.
Let us worship God.

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

LLANFAIR

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the Resurrection, we come to you with bruised hearts
seeking forgiveness for our sins.

We confess that our faith in you is thin.

We demand signs and miracles.

We doubt when we should believe.

We refuse to forgive others of their sins
and yet we seek freedom from our own.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may
enter through them and give thanks to the Lord."

Leader: God has opened those gates and offered us
salvation.

People: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

*THE PEACE

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds
and kindle our hearts that in the reading of the scriptures we
may hear your word of promise and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Have you believed because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Abide with Me

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 not, 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.*

SERMON

See and Believe

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 316 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

*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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Traditional

*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

(Traditional) Hymnal Page 16

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 121 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Psalm of Praise

Franklin Ritter

Worship Notes – The first Sunday following Easter is known in the Catholic tradition as the Octave Day of Easter (the eighth day). It is also known as Quasimodo Sunday from the Latin text of the traditional introit for the day which begins "Quasi modo geniti infantes." The famous literary character was named Quasimodo because that is the day that he was left at the door of Notre Dame Cathedral.

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 30, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza, Salad, Dessert

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Dorothy and Osborne Foutch.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL – FPC prepared and served food on April 23 for the unhoused guests at Compassionate Hands.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. FPC Lebanon is a covenant partner with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's Hunger Program through the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering. We invite every member to contribute a few cents for every meal as an expression of thanks for what we have received. All monies collected are used to support local hunger programs and to help fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. The 4 Cents-a-Meal offering is received on the fourth Sunday of each month. 30% of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area.

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
12:15 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	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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