

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 11, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Vater unser im Himmelreich
(Our Father in Heaven)

J.S. Bach

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 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I
fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and
your staff—they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup
overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of
the Lord my whole life long.

*HYMN NO. 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the flock, the gate to your kingdom is always
welcoming. You call each of us by name, but we refuse to
respond. You lead the way to life, but we choose to follow
those who lure us through the valley of death. We confess that
we are seduced by liars as we seek shortcuts to your kingdom.
Forgive us, we pray. Help us find the life with you that is truly
abundant. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice:
Jesus says, I give you eternal life. You will never
perish. No one can snatch you out of my hand.
Believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and
safe. Thanks be to God.

*KYRIE

Hymn 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)

Loving Lord, fill us to the top with your sweet Spirit, and
reveal yourself to us once again, so that we may truly hear and
then proclaim your good news to the world around us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-39

*The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;
but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

We Are the Lord's

Roland E. Martin

*We are the Lord's; His all sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us—
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us
In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.*

SERMON

The Voice of the Shepherd

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 170 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND

*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 *There Is a Fountain* Harold DeCou

*DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 592

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Robert J. Hughes

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

ANNUAL FISH FRY Wednesday Fellowship Dinner May 14, 6:00 p.m.



The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and we will eat outside (weather permitting.) As a special treat, we will have live music.

The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

Don't miss this delightful event. Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

DOT JENKINS HAS A NEW ADDRESS. She now resides at 1409 Medical Center Drive, Room 406, Lebanon, TN 37087.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE – Congratulations to Dakota Wilcox on her graduation from Tennessee State University on May 2 with a Master's Degree in Speech and Hearing Science.

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.	Fish Fry
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	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	
		8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

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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