

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 29, 2022

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 29, 2022

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*A Quiet Alleluia*

David Paxton

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 97*

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

People: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.

People: The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;  
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

\*HYMN NO. 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you created us for life together,  
but we have turned from your will.

We have not loved as you commanded.

We have broken the promises we have made to you and to  
one another. We have taken much and given little.

Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love,  
so that we may serve you as a faithful people,  
and live together in your joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us.

Leader: Christ rose for us.

People: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven.

People: 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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34

*These men are slaves of the Most High God,  
who proclaim to you a way of salvation.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*Prayer to the Trinity*

Michael Bedford

*Come, come, O God of heaven, Live within our hearts today;*

*Come, come, O God of heaven, Hear, O hear us as we pray.*

*Come, come, O gracious Savior, Stay within our hearts today;*

*Come, come, O gracious Savior, Hear, O hear us as we pray.*

*O, be near us, love and cheer us With your blessing from above;*

*Ever guide us, walk beside us, As we seek to share your love.*

*Come, come, O Holy Spirit, Shine within our hearts today;*

*Come, come, O Holy Spirit, Hear, O hear us as we pray.*

*Come, come, O God of heaven, Live within our hearts today;*

*Come, come, O God of heaven, Hear, O hear us as we pray. Amen.*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

### SERMON

*Freedom*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 387     *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be  
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Illumination*

Roger C. Wilson

\*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

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## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 372     *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

LORD I WANT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

James Southbridge

## 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

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of Judy Denney. Judy died on Tuesday, May 24.

THANK YOU – Dear FPC Family: I want to thank all of you for the endless love and support you have shown me during my recent illness. I could not have made it without you. I have truly found a home at First Presbyterian. –Ida Mason

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received next Sunday. This offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC(USA.) A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people. It also addresses the needs of at-risk children.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –Youth Group

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

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

### Monday

**Office Closed for Holiday**

- 6:00 p.m. New Day Group

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

### Friday

### Saturday

## ELDERS

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck  
Pat Bone  
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Jackie Cowden  
Tracey Hay

## DIACONATE

Class of 2022  
Jack Emmert  
Marilyn Peyton  
Laura Simmons  
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Tracey Hay  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Jessica Fain  
Personnel – Jackie Cowden  
Worship – Wayne Patton

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist – Darryl Nettles  
Keyboards – Jonathan Snow  
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Brown  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Preschool – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Faith Builders Class
Elementary Class	Westminster Class
Middle- High School Class	Women's Class

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