

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



June 18, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 18, 2023

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

James Denton

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. 220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDRETH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Amid the toil and troubles of life, we admit, O God,  
that we focus too much on ourselves and the things we can  
accumulate. We fail to see the pain of others,  
and if we do see their agony, we discount it.

We blame others for the mistakes we ourselves make,  
and expect special consideration when we are disobedient.

If we are faithful to your commands,

we turn away dismayed when more is expected of us.

Save us, God, from this way of death. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God sent a son to lift the burden of sin from our  
lives. Friends, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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\* 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)

Give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture;  
give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that  
surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace,  
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*

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 no, 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.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

*Harvest Time*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 434 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD  
(*vss. 1 & 4*)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ROMANS 5:1-8  
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* Dale Wood

### \*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. 438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Maestoso* David Hegarty

## 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

By the grace of God and the calling of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**MICHAEL JOHN SCHULTE**

will be ordained in the  
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

SATURDAY      JULY      AT 2 PM  
**15**

First Presbyterian Church  
304 W. Main Street  
Lebanon, TN 37087  
Zoom: [Tinyurl.com/SchulteOrdination](https://tinyurl.com/SchulteOrdination)

A reception will follow.

**WORSHIP AND BREAKFAST** – Next Sunday, June 25, will gather in the Fellowship Hall for an All-Church Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by worship at 10 a.m. also in the Fellowship Hall. Dress casually.

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – There will be no choir practice on June 21, June 28, and the month of July. Practice will resume in August.

**BOOKS NEEDED** – The Lebanon Special School District is in need of donated books for K-8. They also would like to have chapter books for grades 3-8. If you would like to donate books or give a monetary donation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

**PIANO FUND** – We have now raised enough to buy 87 of 88 keys to upgrade our baby grand piano.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –will meet on Sunday, June 25 to prepare lunch for Compassionate Hands. More information to follow.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	No Choir Practice
11:15 a.m.	Christian Ed Mtg.	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Office Closed for Holiday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
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 – Jim Stueck  
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
May	\$19,790.52	\$25,743.20
YTD	\$124,723.73	\$149,844.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$1,465.00