

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 16, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 16, 2023

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Aberystwyth"*

Lani Smith

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 119*

Leader: Let our cries come before you, O Lord;  
give us understanding.

People: Let our pleas come before you;  
deliver us according to your word.

Leader: My lips will pour forth praise,  
for you teach me your statutes.

People: Our tongues will sing of your word,  
for all your commandments are right.

Leader: Let our souls live and praise you,  
and let your law guide us.

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my  
path.

\*HYMN NO. 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Virginia Halberg

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you teach us to love our neighbors, but we build dividing walls of hostility. You ask us to seek out the stranger and welcome the guest, but we deny entrance to those who are different. You demand that we share our abundant gifts with the poor, but we cling to our possessions and our privilege. You call us to proclaim the good news to all people, but we waste our words and hide our light. Loving God, have mercy on us. Open our hearts. Change our lives. Through Jesus Christ, make us holy and whole, that we may be one people united in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, who is in a position to condemn?  
... In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

## \*KYRIE

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)

God our helper,  
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may be led into your truth  
and taught your will,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

*As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 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, and he vanished from their sight.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

arr. Mark Hayes

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

### SERMON

*The Face of a Stranger*

Rev. Michael J. Schulte

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 505 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

ST. FLAVIAN

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A SHORT CONFESSION

We believe in God, the Source of Life, whose voice orders the universe, whose eyes see the oppressed, whose mighty hand delivers humanity from chaos and suffering.

We believe in Jesus, the Source of Hope, who, born of a woman, took on human flesh to serve the poor and heal the sick, who was tortured by empire and nailed to a tree, who died and descended to dust, whose story did not end in suffering but in resurrection and eternal life, who returned to the Holy One until the reign of God abounds on earth and in heaven.

We believe in the Spirit, the Source of Comfort, who burns in our hearts like tongues of fire, who grants us thoughts which chase mercy, hearts which seek kinship, and words which do justice, who reminds us that God is with us always, here and forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Majestic Medley*

arr. Marilyn White

\*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. 525

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*To God Be the Glory*

Don Hustad

## 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

WE WELCOME pianist Dr. Christine M. Perkey to our worship service today. A native of Augusta, Georgia, Christy and her husband Bart have lived in Nashville for 40 years. They are parents of three grown daughters, and live with a very lovable, bossy cat named Coco. Christy taught piano and music theory in the Music Department at TSU for 23 years before retiring ten years ago. They are active members of Belmont United Methodist Church.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Marilyn Burchett and family on the death of her grandson, Glenn Thomas Chamberlain, on July 11 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

CHOIR PRACTICE – There will be no choir practice for 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.

WORSHIP AND LUNCH – On Sunday, August 6, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Dress casually.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –will meet on August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	No Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
		Saturday	

**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**  
Nursery  
Elementary Class and  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
June	\$27,693.30	\$23,155.00
YTD	\$152,370.53	\$172,999.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$2,790.00