

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 28, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 28, 2024 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus* Dale Wood

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is a day especially created for us to find peace and hope.

People: In the midst of our hectic lives, we need such a time as this.

Leader: Come, rest in the Lord.

People: Our souls long for God's refreshing love.

Leader: Let the demands of your week melt away in God's presence.

People: Refresh and restore us, O Lord, we pray.

*HYMN NO. 467 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUID

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Hill, liturgist

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Creation, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the storms in our lives and we confess that we are swamped with doubt and fear. You are the light of our world and yet too often we turn away from you and run towards the darkness. Forgive us when we opt for chaos instead of you.

Help us remember that you are always with us, even in our darkest moments. Make our faith strong and help us to not be afraid. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Before we turn back, God welcomes us with open arms.

People: God forgives us before we even know we have strayed.

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

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

*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

John 6:16-21

Jesus said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SOLO

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Tristan Olsen, Tenor

Muller

SERMON

Stormy Reverence Rev. Sherard Edington

John 6:16-21

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*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

You Will Be Found

Pasek/Paul

*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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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

*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

WE WELCOME Tristan Olsen as our soloist today. He is a member of our sanctuary choir and a student at Cumberland University majoring in music. He plans to pursue acting and musical theatre after graduation. Tristan has performed in over 30 stage productions and 4 films nationwide.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Nancy Boyd
Jack Emmert
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail

DIACONATE

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt
Congregational Care – Nancy Boyd
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail
Personnel – Jack Emmert
Worship – 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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