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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 13, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 13, 2023 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Cantilene*

George F. Handel

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 105*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: Tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

People: Praise the Lord!

\*HYMN NO. 145

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Creation, too often we are convinced that the world has turned against us. We feel battered and bruised, lost and alone. In these moments, we confess that we fail to recognize your presence alongside us. We allow our fear to distract us from the promise of your love. Our doubts smother our faith. Our uncertainties undermine our convictions.

Forgive us our sins. Increase our faith and open our eyes. Help us see beyond our petty interests and into the endless possibilities of your glorious Realm. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is our salvation.

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.

PIANO DEDICATION     *As the Deer/Jesus Loves Me*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word  
that we may truly understand;  
that, understanding, we may believe,  
and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

*But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened,  
and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"  
Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,  
"You of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*Wondrous*

Eric H. Thiman

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.  
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

*Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 404    *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*    PRECIOUS LORD

\*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    *Beautiful 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. 361    *How Firm a Foundation (vss. 1-3, 5)*    FOUNDATION

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE    *Fanfare on "National Hymn"*    Stanley E. Saxton

## 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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Brent Johnston by his family.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will resume meetings on Monday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –will begin meeting on Wednesdays in September. More information to follow.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Thursday</b>	
11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Monday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>			

**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	\$2,362.01