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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 20, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 2023 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE *Fugue in C Major* George F. Handel

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather together, all people, to worship our God!

People: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Leader: Rise up, all people, to do the work of God's kingdom.

People: Open our hearts to experience God's call together.

Leader: Live the teachings of our ancestors as found in holy scripture.

People: Apply them to your life and teach them to the next generation.

Leader: Take notice of where Jesus is nudging you.

People: And be filled with the Spirit in this time of sacred worship.

\*HYMN NO. 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of All, with heavy hearts we come before you today acknowledging our willingness to overlook the cries of those in need. We confess that we readily view ourselves as gatekeepers of your kingdom. Too eagerly we accept the task of determining who is worthy of your mercy and grace as we shut the doors on those outside our immediate circle.

Forgive us we pray.

Fill our hearts with kindness.

Make us humble.

Enable us to cry out to you, "Lord, help me."

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever. There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. It cannot be diminished, it can only grow. So love freely! Forgive lavishly. Care fervently for others. Live the Good News!

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)

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 15:21-28

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mvt 1 from Moonlight Sonata* Ludwig Beethoven

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Children are invited to come forward

SERMON *Breaking Boundaries* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 366     *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*     ST. CATHERINE

\*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     *Were You There?*     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

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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 379     *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*     SOLID ROCK

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE     *O Worship the King*     David Paxton

## 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 WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the library.

A PRAYER GROUP led by Rev. Edington will meet on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. starting September 5. The Group will run for 10 weeks and will study the book "Sailboat Church." To sign up, please contact the church office.

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.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received on August 27.

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	5:00 p.m.	Worship Com Mtg.
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
7:00 p.m.	Bingo Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

### Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## 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
July	\$39,926.38	\$21,640.35
YTD	\$192,283.41	\$194,649.22
	Last Week's Offering	\$7,415.00