

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 1, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

O How He Loves You and Me

Kurt Kaiser

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: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

People: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Leader: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

People: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Leader: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

People: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. We come to worship.

*HYMN NO. 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Father of lights, you are eternal and never changing.

You formed us in your image, yet we turned away from you.

We confess that we are quick to proclaim our faith but slow to live it. We cloak our anger in the guise of righteousness.

We talk about you, but we do not listen.

Forgive us, we pray. Transform us so that we may bear witness to your love through acts of compassion to those in distress. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's word has the power to save your soul.
God has anointed you with gladness.
You are forgiven to live in joy.

People: This is the good news of the gospel.
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)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their distress,
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

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 not, 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.*

SERMON

The Fabric of Faith Rev. Sherard Edington

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

ST. FLAVIAN

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*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

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As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 251 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

WINCHESTER NEW

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Chorale

Walker Baylor

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

Annual Churchwide Picnic

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date! The annual church picnic will be held at Don Fox Community Park. Bring your favorite picnic side; the church will provide chicken, drinks, paper goods, and serving utensils.



SHERRY'S RUN – The 21st annual Sherry's Run will be held Saturday, September 14, and FPC is forming a team. If you would like to participate, please register online at sherrysrun.org. At the end of the registration form choose to join a team. Our team's name is First Presbyterian Church Lebanon. Hope to see you there!

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

COMMUNION PREPARATION TRAINING: On Wednesday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m., there will be a training session for communion set-up and clean-up. For more information contact Mickey Stueck.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, September 21, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST at the 11 o'clock service, contact Kristy in the church office for more information and to sign up.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| Today | | Wednesday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | NCC Worship | 6:00 p.m. | Brown Bag |
| 10:00 a.m. | Church School | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship | Thursday | |
| Monday | | 9:00 a.m. | Preschool |
| | Office Closed | 6:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts |
| 6:00 p.m. | New Day AA Group | Friday | |
| Tuesday | | Saturday | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Preschool | | |

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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