

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 10, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

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

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Call upon the name of the Lord!

Leader: God's love and mercy are showered on each of us every day.

People: God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.

Leader: Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.

People: Lord, help us offer the same compassion to all.

*HYMN NO. 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of endless and perplexing grace:

We want to make sure that we always get what we feel we deserve. We want as much, if not more, than our neighbor.

We are an envious people.

We confess that we resent those who get ahead. We grumble when You receive the newly faithful just as freely as you receive us.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our pettiness and our jealousy.

Help us celebrate the glorious gift of salvation. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's compassion knows no boundaries;

God's grace is greater than all our sins.

Friends, hear the good news of our salvation:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

*'Friend, I am doing you no wrong;
did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what belongs to you and go;
I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.
Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?
Or are you envious because I am generous?'
So the last will be first, and the first will be last.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go Richard Shephard

*Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue.
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.
The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find, And prove thy good and perfect will.
Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at thy command, And offer all my works to thee.
Give me to bear thy easy yoke, And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look and hasten to Thy glorious day.
For Thee delightfully employ What e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heaven.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

The Economy of Grace

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

*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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Adoration

Gilbert M. Martin

*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. 372 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.*

*POSTLUDE

Sortie on "National Hymn"

Lani Smith

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

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on
Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.
at Don Fox Community Park.

Fried chicken, drinks, plastic ware, and paper goods will be provided. Bring a covered dish and join the fellowship.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION are with the family of Loyce Bradshaw. Loyce died this week. There will be a memorial service at a future date.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION are with Donna Dykes on the death of her husband Ray in Oklahoma City. Ray is a former pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH SECRETARY ON VACATION – Kristy has been on vacation this week and will return on Monday, September 11.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 17, immediately following the worship service.

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 (5th -12th grade) will begin meeting on Wednesdays in September. More information to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

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