

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 12, 2021

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We were created in the image of God but have been defiled with the stain of sin. Christ removes that stain and makes us pure.

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

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

*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

Mark 8:27-38

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

ANTHEM

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Georgiann Toole

*Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to thee,
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.
Though like the wanderer, sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.
Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON

Comfort Zone

Rev. Sherard Edington

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

*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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Offertory (section 1)

Francois Couperin

*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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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on
Wednesday, September 15 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.

THANK YOU—The family of Kelly Roy gratefully acknowledges the calls, cards, and extraordinary acts of service and love during the most difficult of times.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is already delivering aid and assistance to those communities ravaged by Hurricane Ida. To donate to PDA, you can write a check to the church with PDA in the memo line, or you can give directly online or by phone. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for anyone interested in joining the church will be offered by Sherard Edington starting October 3. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 3, 10, and 17. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office. The location the class has not been determined. However, we will meet on the first floor of the church.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade)—The youth group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights.

Coats 4 Folks—The youth are planning a coat drive in November. More details to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Church Picnic
9:45 a.m.	Church School	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
12:30 p.m.	Session Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Preschool – 1 st Grade	Book Club Class
Elementary Class	Westminster Class
Middle- High School Class	Women's Class

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