

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 15, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Lead, Kindly Light

Dale Wood

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: The heavens tell the glory of God!

People: The sun runs its course with joy and strength.

Leader: We rejoice as the sun makes its circuit!

People: God's handiwork is all around us.

Leader: So, we lift our hearts, our voices and our hands:

People: Praise God for creation!

Praise God for the sweetness of God's decrees!

*HYMN NO. 489 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Mercy, we confess that our tongues betray us.

We are not perfect and we are prone to making mistakes.

We speak when we should listen. We get angry too quickly.

We bless you with our mouths but curse our neighbors who are made in your holy image. Forgive our lack of self-control.

Help us to be pure in heart and speak only of your grace and truth. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ God comes to bless, not to condemn us.

People: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

Leader: The glorious news of the gospel is this:

People: In Jesus 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

There is a Balm In Gilead
Chloe Foutch, Soprano

Mark Hayes

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

James 3:1-12

*So also the tongue is a small member,
yet it boasts of great exploits.
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!
And the tongue is a fire.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Be a Candle of Hope

Becki Slagle Mayo

*Be a candle of hope, be a candle of light,
a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.
Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.
The more light we give, the more love we'll know.*

*When you light another candle, you keep your light, but give it away.
Yet the flame grows even brighter as the darkness turns into day.*

*Be a candle of hope, be a candle of light,
a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.
Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.
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SERMON

Sticks and Stones Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

SOLID ROCK

*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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Give Me Jesus
Chloe Foutch, Soprano

Mark Hayes

*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. 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Religious Procession

Rob Roy Peery

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

Annual Church Picnic

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

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.

Bring a friend!

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.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 29, at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four At-Large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – We are three weeks away from our 7th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,152 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 12, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We must raise \$4,263.84 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is appreciated.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

YOUTH

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

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	
12:15 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee Mtg.	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	Friday	
7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bingo	Saturday	
Tuesday		8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	8:00 a.m.	SAR Meeting

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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