

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 18, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

1. *Shock*
2. *Disbelief*

Linda C. George

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Lamentations 3

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.

People: God's mercies are new every morning;
great is God's faithfulness.

Leader: The Lord is good to those who wait for him.

People: It is good to wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord will have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love.

People: Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to
God in heaven.

*HYMN NO. 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of new creations,

We confess that we have sinned against you in more ways
than we are willing to admit.

Our sin consumes our being.

It isolates us from you.

Forgive us, we beg.

Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirit so that we fully may
enjoy your salvation forever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God sent his son to lift the burden of sin from our
lives. Friends, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***KYRIE**

*Lord, have mercy - mercy on us
Christ, have mercy - mercy on us
Lord, have mercy - mercy on 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

Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Walter Ehret

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitation, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Forgive Us Our Debts

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

*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

3. *Anger*

Linda C. George

4. *Sadness*

*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. 85 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

5. *Acceptance*

Linda C. George

WORSHIP NOTES – The prelude, offertory, and postlude pieces for this morning's service are movements from a complete work entitled *September Eleventh, In Resignation and Remembrance*. This memorial piece for organ was composed by Linda Conway Correll George, a member of the choir of First Presbyterian Church. The composer has a Master of Music Degree in Composition and Theory from Hunter College, City University of New York. She studied with international composer Vittorio Rieti and was awarded the Marion Bauer Memorial Award in Composition and the Bonnie Pillsbury Brooke Prize in Music.

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY AND FELLOWSHIP HALL are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Hannah Buckner and AJ Hughes on Saturday, September 17. Congratulations to Hannah and AJ.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, September 24 at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.



Please join us for a Bridal Shower
honoring

Sara Brown

Sunday, October 16, 2022
at eleven thirty in the morning
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Kristy in the church office
Sara is registered at Amazon.



YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –The next youth meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the church picnic. Regular meetings will resume on October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Church School	5:30 p.m.	Church Picnic
10:00 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group-Annex		

ELDERS

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024
Jackie Cowden
Tracey Hay

DIACONATE

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

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
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Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Jessica Fain
Personnel – Jackie Cowden
Worship – Wayne Patton

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Elementary and
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class

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