

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 20, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Andante Religioso (Sonata No. 4)* Felix Mendelssohn
 Andante (Sonata No. 5) C.M. Widor

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 bless God's holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and forget not God's benefits.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
 God's ministers who do God's will.

People: **Bless the Lord, all his works,
 in places of God's dominion.**

HYMN NO. 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

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.

ANTHEM

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Schweizer

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

SERMON

Minimum Rage

Rev. Sherard Edington

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

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. 403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro con Brio (Sonata No. 4)

Felix Mendelssohn

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, '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."

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

DIAPER CONNECTION: On Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m., FPC will hold a **diaper wrapping event** in conjunction with Nashville Diaper Connection. These diapers will be distributed in Wilson County. Without diapers, babies cannot go to childcare, participate in early childhood education, and many parents cannot go to work. The goal is to ensure that every baby has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Following a short presentation about the program, we will wrap diapers that can be handed out in our community. If you would like to participate, please call the church office at 615-444-1360. 8-12 volunteers are needed.

SUNDAY DRIVE: On Sunday, September 27 at noon, you should hop into your car and head over to the church so that you can take a **Sunday Drive**. We are going to create a caravan of cars to drive to the homes of several church members and wave and shout hello. It should last less than an hour and will be great fun.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) – Wednesdays at 6:32pm via Zoom. We have a special Virtual Escape Room on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:32pm. We plan to return to outdoor, in-person gatherings on October 14.

RENEW: SPECIAL 1-DAY VBS: Did you miss summer VBS? Join us Sunday, October 18, from 3-6 pm for a special one-day vacation Bible school. Get ready for songs, crafts, and a whole lot of fun! This event is for children AND youth. We will have a children's track for the little ones and a youth track for our middle schoolers. Families are welcome to have dinner and attend a closing ceremony from 5:30-6:00 pm. To RSVP or to volunteer, please contact Michael at 618-979-6320 or mjschulte.14@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
11:10 a.m.	Book Club	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Michael	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	Diaper Event		

ELDERS

Class of 2020
Pat Bone
Robin Orewiler
Wayne Patton
Kim Wall

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Becky Burris
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

DIACONATE

Class of 2020
Sondra Bishop
Marty Bone
Linda Gatlin
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

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

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – John Foutch
Budget & Finance –
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Robin Orewiler
Personnel –
Worship – Pat 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
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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