

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 26, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Trio (BWV 583)

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 124

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

People: Then our enemies would have swallowed us away.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey
to their teeth.

People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the
fowlers.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

*HYMN NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FEST BURG

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Warm and Nurturing God, you demand that we love you with
heart, mind, and soul, yet we cherish wealth and status.

You call us to love neighbor and stranger like we love
ourselves, yet we divide and discriminate. You ask that we see
your image in all whom we encounter, yet we loathe
difference and sow hate. You call us to justice, yet we cling to
corruption.

May the wind of your Spirit wash over us, that we may be
forgiven and renewed, so that we may join in the mission of
Christ, who desires that all may live with dignity and in peace.

Amen!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

People: Alleluia and Amen!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***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)

God of our Ancestors, Eternal Hope:
Open our hearts to your ancient wisdom,
That in hearing your word, we may
Rejoice in the promise of the Living One
And pour out love to all in our midst;
we pray these things in the name of the one who
Redeems, Creates, and Sustains us
today and forevermore. Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

ANTHEM

Sonata (KV 304)

W.A. Mozart

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

You Do Not Interest Me

Michael Schulte

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***Affirmation of Faith**

“A Short Creed” by M. Schulte

We believe in God, the Source of Life, whose voice orders the universe, whose eyes see the oppressed, whose mighty hand delivers humanity from chaos and suffering.

We believe in Jesus, the Source of Hope, who, born of a woman, took on human flesh to serve the poor and heal the sick, who was tortured by empire and nailed to a tree, who died and descended to dust, whose story did not end in suffering, but in resurrection and eternal life, who returned to the Holy One, until the reign of God abounds on earth and in heaven.

We believe in the Spirit, the Source of Comfort, who burns in our hearts like tongues of fire, who grants us thoughts which chase mercy, hearts which seek kinship, and words which do justice, who reminds us that God is with us always, here and forever.
Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Offertory (section 3)

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. 455**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Creatures of Our God and Kings (vs 1, 2 3, 6)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Dialogue

Francois Couperin

WORSHIP NOTES – Participating in the 11:00 a.m. service today is violinist Alison Gooding Hoffman. Alison has performed in the Nashville area for over twenty years. A graduate of Florida State University and Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, she has played with the Nashville Symphony, the Alias Chamber Ensemble, and in numerous recording sessions. She is also a member of the music faculty at Belmont University.

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

SHERARD EDINGTON has been away this week. He and Courtney enjoyed a COVID-belated 25th Anniversary trip to Colorado. He will return on Tuesday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 3 at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four at-large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for those 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 is the class has not been determined. However, we will meet on the first floor of the church.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – We are nearing our 4th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning when we will assemble 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m when everyone will gather to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We must raise \$3500 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The **4 Cents a Meal** offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) –Youth group will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Rise Against Hunger—The youth will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on October 16 to help fill 10,000 meal bags.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

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
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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