

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 8, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

October 8, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* Brian Glyncannon

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the skies proclaim the works of God's hands.

People: May our faces shine, reflecting God's love;  
may our actions preach the Good News.

Leader: Let our words and thoughts be pleasing to the  
Lord.

People: Let us worship the Holy One, who is our strength  
and savior!

\*HYMN NO. 476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* LYONS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Chris Hankins

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, it is with humble hearts that we come before  
you today acknowledging our need for your mercy.

We confess that we have failed to honor the blessings you  
have entrusted to us. We have taken your gifts for granted and  
used them for personal gain. We have rejected your  
messengers and turned a deaf ear to your voice.

Forgive us for our disobedience and lack of faith. Help us to be  
fruitful and faithful in all that we do as we seek to live lives  
worthy of your glorious kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the words of hope! Though the days seem to  
darken quickly, the brilliant light of God's love will  
always be a guide and comfort. This indeed is the  
Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Alleluia and  
Amen!

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\* 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of mercy,  
you promised never to break your covenant with us.  
Amid all the changing words of our generation,  
speak your eternal Word that does not change.  
Then may we respond to your gracious promises  
with faithful and obedient lives;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

*Have you never read in the scriptures:  
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.'*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*Abide With Me*

arr. Malcolm Archer

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.  
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joy grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.  
Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.*

SERMON

*Pay the Piper*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 98 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

\*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 *Meditation on "Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Traditional

\*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. 423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Maestoso*

David Hegarty

## 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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 11, 6:00 p.m.

*Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Heath Bar Cake*

To make a reservation, please call the church office at  
(615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

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THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be received today. A gift to this special offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – Our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event is this Saturday. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy location. Everyone will don their hairnets at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We have raised \$2,910 toward our goal of \$4,000 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Monday		Friday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)		
Tuesday			
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

## SESSION

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Nancy Gebhardt  
Mickey Stueck  
Allen Vance

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Jack Emmert

## DIACONATE

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Anne Donnell  
Jim Stueck

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Jim Stueck  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt  
Personnel –  
Worship – Wayne Patton

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Nursery – Sara Chaney  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
August	\$26,390.91	\$16,014.80
YTD	\$218,662.52	\$231,180.78
	Last Week's Offering	\$8,930.00