

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 29, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Standing on the Promises* Traditional
CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

People: God created all that is!

Leader: We celebrate God's enormous love for all creation.

People: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

People: We worship and praise God for all God's blessings.

*HYMN NO. 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care.

Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

People: In the name of Christ, our sins 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.

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

Philippians 4:8-23

*I have been paid in full and have more than enough;
I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus
the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*

ANTHEM

How Shall I Sing that Majesty? John Ronald Daniels

*How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heav'nly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears; Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heav'n is but once begun, There alleluias be.
Enlighten with faith's light my heart, In flame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.
How great a being, Lord, is thine, Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

A Fragrant Offering Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 422 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

*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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Dale Wood

*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. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Pass me Not, O Gentle Savior* Traditional

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

November 1, 6:00 p.m.

Meatloaf, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Spice Cake

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

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fourth community Trunk or Treat tonight from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., and we need your help. We are looking for members of the congregation who are willing to host "trunks"— people who decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy in our parking lot.

THE PRAYER GROUP will not meet this Tuesday. We will resume on November 7. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 5, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing officers.

THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m. Since it is Veterans Day, we would like to especially invite all veterans to attend. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office at (615) 444-1360.

ANNEX "SPRUCE UP" DAY is looking for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on November 18 in preparation for this season's Compassionate Hands. Clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th 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
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	

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
September	\$28,240.38	\$20,595.92
YTD	\$246,974.99	\$251,782.70
	Last Week's Offering	\$3,564.00