

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 31, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Cantabile (Symphony 2)

Louis Vierne

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
should change, though the mountains shake in the
heart of the sea.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear.

Leader: "Be still and know that I am God!"

People: God is exalted among the nations, God is exalted
in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God
of Jacob is our refuge.

*HYMN NO. 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of salvation, your invitation to new life is always before
us, yet we continue to choose the path that leads to sin and
death. You offer freedom but we opt for oppression.

We prefer the empire of the flesh over the realm of the Spirit.

We confess that we ignore your word and follow the ways of
this domain. Forgive us our transgressions, we pray.

Help us become citizens of your divine new world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is no trick. God forgives our
sins and treats us to new life.

People: What is the Good News that we seek?

Leader: The Good News is this: In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***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 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Schweizer

*'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,
'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;
And when we find ourselves in place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend,
we shan't be ashamed.*

*To turn, turn, will be our delight,
till by turning, turning, we come out right.*

*'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,
'tis a gift to find out how we ought to live;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON

Trick or Treat

Rev. Sherard Edington

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*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 *Fantom* Louis Vierne

*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. 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Toccata* Leon Boellman

FPC WOMEN OF THE CHURCH HARVEST BRUNCH

Saturday November 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Home of Carol Turner
4284 Old Murfreesboro Road West
Lebanon, TN 37090

*Please make reservations by Tuesday,
November 2 by contacting Kristy in the church office.*

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

November 10, 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Meal

Please call the church office by Friday, November 5 to make a reservation at 615-444-1360.

ANNEX "SPRUCE UP" DAY needs for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on Saturday, November 6, in preparation for this season's Compassionate Hands.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 7, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing officers.

NEXT SUNDAY is All Saints Sunday and we will remember in prayer those members of the church who have died in the past year. Also, in recognition of Veterans Day, we will honor all Veterans. Please submit the names of Veterans to the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, November 13, at 8:00 a.m. Please bring something that is a hobby or an interest that you can share. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Jackie Cowden, Larry Nickelson (Ann Walsh's son-in-law), George Gebhardt, Brenda Goodwin, Dot Jenkins, Lydia McVicker, and Laura Simmons' mother.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Anne Donnell, and Lois Ann Wauford.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

Friday

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Annex Clean Up
11:00 a.m. Women's Brunch

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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