

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



*November 10, 2019*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Allabreve (BWV 589, First Part)*

J.S. Bach

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 116*

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice  
and my supplications.

People: He inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous.

People: Our God is merciful.

Leader: When I was brought low, he saved me.

People: For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to  
me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the  
name of the Lord.

### \*HYMN NO. 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are wary of the world around us. We confess, O Lord, that we isolate ourselves from everything that makes us uncomfortable. We encase ourselves in bubbles of indifference and insulate ourselves with luxury. We divert our eyes from poverty and shut our ears to cries of need.

Forgive us of our selfish ways. Equip us with the courage to tear down walls of indifference. Empower us to become your faithful emissaries in this world. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Despite our willful indifference, we can approach our God with confidence.

People: Despite our selfishness, God listens.

Leader: Through the power of the cross, 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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,

that in your light we may see light,

in your truth find wisdom,

and in your will discover your peace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*We proclaim Christ crucified,  
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

### ANTHEM

*Sing Praise to God*

Rachel Aarons

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills; and very faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.*

*Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

### SERMON

*Stumbling Blocks*

Rev. Sherard Edington

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 92      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*      ST. CHRISTOPHER

\*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      *Elegie*      Gordon Young

### \*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. 357      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      MARYTON

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE      *Allabreve (Second Part)*      J.S. Bach

## 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 13, 6:00 p.m.

### *Soup Cook-off*

Please call the church office at  
615-444-1360 by Tuesday to make a reservation.

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Eleanor Elizabeth Howell by her family.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS begins Saturday, December 6. Volunteers are needed to spend a Saturday night and to do laundry during the week. Donations of clothing and toiletry items are also needed. A display is set up in fellowship hall for sign-ups and donations. We will be selling T-shirts to help raise money for this ministry.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Lesley Jacobson on the death of her husband, Richard "Dick" Jacobson on October 24.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of Maxie Lee. Maxie died on November 1.

J.D. PLANT'S ORGAN RECITAL at First United Methodist Church in Lebanon will be held today at 4:00 p.m.

## YOUTH

Middle School - Wednesday at 6 p.m. for dinner and photo scavenger hunt.

High School - Lunch with Michael at Los Compadres after church today.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
9:45 a.m.	Church School	<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Soup Cook-off
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Middle School
12:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
1:15 p.m.	Personnel	<b>Thursday</b>	
	Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
2:00 p.m.	Officer Training	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
3:00 p.m.	Knitting Group	<b>Saturday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Disciple Class		

## ELDERS

Class of 2019  
Jeff Campbell  
David Foutch  
Carol Turner  
Scott Williams

Class of 2020  
Pat Bone  
Robin Orewiler  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2021  
Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

## DIACONATE

Class of 2019  
Jonathan Bouton  
Mary Margaret Farris  
Sandra Weatherford  
Blair Welser

Class of 2020  
Sondra Bishop  
Linda Gatlin

Class of 2021  
Becky Harm  
Lee Lyle  
Sandra Patton  
Emily Peyton

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – John Foutch  
Budget & Finance –  
Buildings and Grounds – David Foutch  
Christian Education – Wayne Patton  
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson  
Outreach – Robin Orewiler  
Personnel – Jeff Campbell  
Worship – Carol Turner

## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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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