

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



November 17, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Roger C. Wilson
CHIMING THE HOUR

WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jessica Fain, liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice in the God of hope and faithfulness.

People: Our strength is in the maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Our foundation is the cornerstone that never fails.

People: The rock of ages is a foundation like no other.

Leader: Hope arises, as the tools of war are broken and the weak are given strength.

People: Hope lives when the hungry are fed and the poor are lifted up.

Leader: God comes bringing judgment to the ends of the earth, calling us to hope and faithfulness.

People: Come, rock of ages, come quickly now.

*HYMN NO. 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of High Places,

We gladly acknowledge the many gifts you have showered upon us. Despite your generosity, we confess that we become jaded to your blessings. We are dismissive of those who have less. In our arrogance we assume that you must love us more. Forgive our pettiness and help us to reach out to all our neighbors. Help us to share all our blessings in love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When Jesus saw their faith, he said...
"Take heart...your sins are forgiven."
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*KYRIE

No. 572

*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)

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 Samuel 1:4-20

Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

A Joyful Hallelujah

Hal Hopson

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;
exalt our God with one accord, and in his name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.
Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising you eternally!
Yes, we through all eternity shall join th' angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise;
he has redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

Season of Despair, Advent of Hope

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

*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

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Peace Abiding

G. F. Handel

*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. 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Stephen Heller

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 20, 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Meal

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

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun!

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for those interested in joining the church is being offered by Sherard Edington starting November 17. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on November 17, 24, and December 8. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office. Everyone is welcome!

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	5:15 p.m.	Columbarium Mtg.
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
12:15 p.m.	Officer Training	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bingo	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail

DIACONATE

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail
Personnel – Jack Emmert
Worship – Mickey Stueck

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Elementary Class and
Middle - High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class

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