

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



November 26, 2023



*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)

Almighty God, through your only Son  
you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity.  
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts  
that in the reading of the scriptures  
we may hear your word of promise and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food,  
or thirsty and gave you something to drink?*

*And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you,  
or naked and gave you clothing?*

*And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Georgiann Toole

*Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to thee,  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.*

*Though like the wanderer, sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone.  
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.*

*Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

*What's New About the New Covenant: A New Way of Life*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 359 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

\*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 *Aria* John O. Schroeder

### \*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. 144 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Robert J. Hughes

## 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

November 29, 6:00 p.m.

*Covered Dish*

*Chicken will be provided*

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.  
Come enjoy great food and fellowship!

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THANK YOU to everyone who came to help spruce up the Annex on Saturday, November 18, as we prepare for the upcoming season of Compassionate Hands.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today.

WILSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS FOR ALL is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides Christmas toys to children residing in East Wilson County. They are seeking monetary and toy donations for the upcoming season. If you would like to donate, please bring your donations to the church office by Thursday, November 30.

LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT is holding their annual Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive. The cost to sponsor one Wilson County child is \$20. If you would like to be a sponsor, please bring your donation to the church office. You are welcome to sponsor more than one child or donate a specific amount.

## 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

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	5:00 p.m.	Sabbatical
10:00 a.m.	Church School		Committee Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
<b>Monday</b>		6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	<b>Friday</b>	
		<b>Saturday</b>	

**SESSION**

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch

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 –

**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**

<b>Children</b>	<b>Adult</b>
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
October	\$23,190.45	\$21,068.58
YTD	\$270,198.44	\$272,860.98
	Last Week's Offering	\$1,792.00