

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



February 19, 2023

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 19, 2023

*Transfiguration Sunday*

10:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

**PRELUDE**    *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*    Dale Wood

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us climb the mountain.

People: Let us ascend to the place where soil grazes sky.

Leader: Let us travel to the realm of revelation, where earth caresses the heavens.

People: Let us enter the place where God speaks, to the place of listening.

Leader: Let us open our eyes and recognize our Christ.  
Let us be changed.

People: Let us worship God!

\***HYMN NO. 447**    *Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of Mystery, just as Jesus called us up the mountain to join him in prayer, we confess that too often we choose to turn and run away.

We prefer to follow lesser gods as we ignore your will. We are governed by our fears and we try desperately to control anything that might change us.

Forgive us our sins. Help us to dismiss the distractions in our lives and listen more fervently to that which is holy. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Though the glory of the Lord is a devouring fire, before which we tremble in awe, Jesus comes to us, touching us with mercy and saying, "Get up, and do not be afraid."

Sisters and Brothers, this is the Good News of our Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

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\* 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)

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

*While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them,  
and from the cloud a voice said,*

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Your Servant I Will Be!*

Don Besig

*O Lord, as I live each day, help me follow in Your way.  
And when I am faced with fear, Lord, remind me You are near.  
Give me hope, and help me see the path that You have set for me.  
Lord, with all my heart and soul, Your servant I will be.  
O Lord, as the years pass by, help my faith to never die.  
In all that I say and do, help me keep my trust in You.  
Grant me comfort, Lord, I pray, restore my strength with each new day.  
Lord, I have pledged my life to You; Your servant I will be.  
Lord, make my spirit sing: let my heart with rapture ring.  
Help me my voice to raise loud and faithful in Your praise!  
Fill me with light divine, let it within me shine.  
Come, share Your love through me. Lord, Your servant I will be!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

*Listen to Him*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

\*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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

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## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 403 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

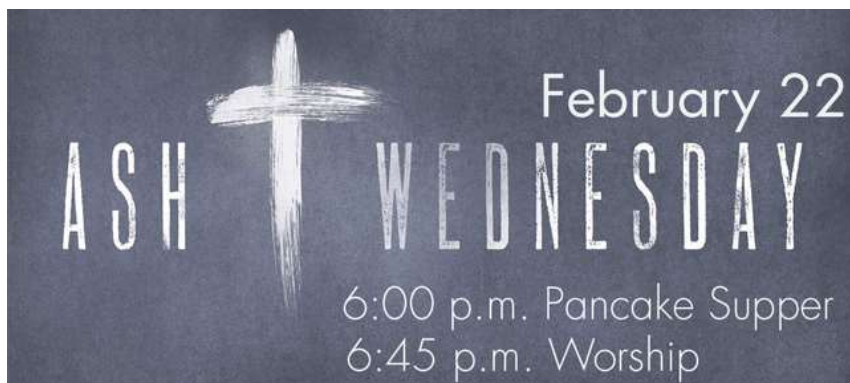
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*The Solid Rock*

Lani Smith



## 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

February 22, 6:00 p.m.

*Pancake Supper*

To make a reservation, please call the church office by Tuesday, February 21 at (615) 444-1360.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held following the pancake supper and will feature the traditional Imposition of Ashes.

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**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP** – Church members Adrienne Johnson and Margaret Ann Trail will represent FPC on a mission trip to Guatemala in March. Each participating congregation has been asked to contribute \$1,000 toward the purchase of medical supplies for the trip. There will be a bake sale today to support these efforts. If sweet treats and savory goodies aren't on your diet, contributions are also welcome!

**LADIES BINGO NIGHT** – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, March 4, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on February 26 at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and hear the Annual Statistical Report.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP** (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) – meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## MISSION

**COMPASSIONATE HANDS** – On Thursday, FPC hosted 9 women.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:45 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
11:15 a.m.	Christian Ed Mtg.		
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
7:00 p.m.	Bingo Group	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)		

## SESSION

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Jackie Cowden  
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 – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt  
Personnel – Jackie Cowden  
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
January	\$24,137.03	\$55,095.79
YTD	\$24,137.03	\$55,095.79
	Last Week's Offering	\$1,291.01