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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



February 20, 2022

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 20, 2022 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### PRELUDE

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 37*

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked,  
for they will soon fade like the grass.

People: **Trust in the Lord and do good.**

Leader: Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

People: **Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

People: **Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for  
him. Let us worship the Lord.**

### \*HYMN NO. 383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God Most High, despite our failings, you remain kind to us  
when we least deserve it. We confess that we treat others with  
contempt. We do good deeds but with strings attached.

We expect a payoff on all our gifts. We love best when we are  
loved in return. Forgive us our sins we pray. Help us treat  
others as you treat us. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ! And Christ died for us, Christ rose for  
us, Christ reigns in power for us, and that same  
Jesus prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new  
creation. The old has gone. The new has come.  
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: **Alleluia and Amen!**

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*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)**

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.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 6:27-38

*But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.  
Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth* arr. Simon Andrews

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.  
In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.  
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain.  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen,  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been,  
Love is come again, like wheat the springeth green.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Children are invited to come forward

**SERMON**

*Great Expectations* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

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\*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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\*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. 487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES – We welcome Linda Correll George as our guest organist today. Linda received a B.A in Music from Mt. Holyoke College and her M.A. in Composition and Theory at Hunter College, CUNY. While living in New York, she composed the music for five off-Broadway children's musicals. Her college's award in composition led to the performance of her work at New York's Town Hall. Linda was an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and retired as an assistant professor from the University of Florida. She and her husband J.C. George live in Mount Juliet.

## 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

March 2, 6:00 p.m.

*Pancake Supper*

To make a reservation, please call the church office by Tuesday, March 1 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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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on March 6 at 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and hear the Annual Statistical Report.

SPRING SPEAKER SERIES—Join First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. as we welcome renowned New Testament scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine who will deliver a lecture titled *Understanding Jesus Means Understanding Judaism*. Dr. Levine currently serves as the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University. She previously served as the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. For the health and safety of our community, masks are required.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betsy Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., and Allen Vance.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Loyce Bradshaw, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

## YOUTH

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

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Thursday	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
		Saturday	

## ELDERS

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck  
Pat Bone  
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2023  
Jackie Cowden  
Tracey Hay

## DIACONATE

Class of 2022  
Jack Emmert  
Marilyn Peyton  
Laura Simmons  
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Tracey Hay  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Jessica Fain  
Personnel – Jackie Cowden  
Worship – Wayne Patton

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Keyboard – Jonathan Snow  
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- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class  
Women's Class

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