

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



February 26, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lani Smith

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

People: Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Happy are those who confess their sins to the Lord.

People: Happy are the faithful who offer prayers.

Leader: O Lord, you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

People: Your steadfast love surrounds us because we trust in you! Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 469

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creating God, when confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome. Temptations allure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might have been. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of your love. Gracious God, have mercy upon us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to your genuine purpose in Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We were created in the image of God
but have been defiled with the stain of sin.
Christ takes away that stain and makes us pure.

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

COMMISSIONING OF GUATEMALA MISSIONARIES

Adrienne Johnson
Margaret Ann Trail

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;
but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,
for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

To Thee, O Comforter Divine David Ashley White

*To Thee, O Comforter divine, for all Thy grace and pow'r benign,
sing we alleluia! alleluia!*

*To Thee, whose faithful love had place in God's great covenant of grace,
sing we alleluia! alleluia!*

*To Thee, whose faithful pow'r doth heal, enlighten, sanctify, and seal,
sing we alleluia! alleluia!*

*To Thee, by Jesus Christ sent down, of all his gifts the sum and crown,
sing we alleluia! alleluia! Sing we alleluia! alleluia!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

First Choice

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

*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 *Andante* Alexandre Guilmant

*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. 354 *Guide My Feet (vss. 1, 2, 3)* GUIDE MY FEET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

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

Lent is the 40-day season during which the Church prepares for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because Sundays are considered "mini-Easters," a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen" referring to the lengthening of the daylight hours which occurs in the northern hemisphere during spring.

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 1, 6:00 p.m.

*Corned Beef & Cabbage with Potatoes and Carrots,
Irish Crème Chocolate Cake*

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

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was held today at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and hear the Annual Statistical Report.

THANK YOU – On behalf of the Diaconate, we wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to each of you for your help, support, and donations to the Deacons Chili Meal 2023. With your generous gifts and welcoming way, we were able to exceed last year's proceeds while extending our hospitality to some of our local firefighters, Sheriff's Department, and homeless citizens. The proceeds from this event will be used for local acts of kindness.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, March 4, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the church office if you plan to attend. All men are welcome. Please bring an old ticket stub (concert, train, Super Bowl, monster truck rally, etc.) and its story.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.

YOUTH

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

MISSION

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – On Thursday, FPC hosted 14 women.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Annual
Congregational Mtg
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day (AA)
7:00 p.m. Bingo Group

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

6:00 p.m. AA Group (Annex)

Saturday

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