

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



April 11, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* G.F. Handel
Organ solo arrangement by Norman Johnson

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 4*

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
People: You gave me room when I was in distress.
Leader: Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
People: The Lord has set apart the faithful for himself.
Leader: The Lord hears when I call to him.
People: I will lie down and sleep in peace;
Leader: For you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.
People: We are here to worship God!

***HYMN NO. 108** *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Warm and Nurturing God, you demand that we love you with heart, mind, and soul, yet we cherish wealth and status. You call us to love neighbor and stranger like we love ourselves, yet we divide and discriminate. You ask that we see your image in all whom we encounter, yet we loathe difference and sow hate. You call us to justice, yet we cling to corruption. May the wind of your Spirit wash over us with forgiveness and renewal. May we join in the mission of Christ who desires that all may live with dignity and in peace. Amen!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the Good News we must declare:
People: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.
Leader: This is the Word we have heard:
People: Through the risen Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* 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.

ANTHEM

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

Psalm 4

SERMON

Michael Schulte

Discovery and Doubt: A Skeptic's Guide to Belief

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***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

***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. 341 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *The Strife is O'er* Giovanni da Palestrina
Organ solo arrangement by Norman Johnson

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

Selah

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Selah

Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

WORSHIP NOTES – Participating in the service today is Alison Gooding Hoffman. Alison is a member of the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and ALIAS Chamber Ensemble.

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.

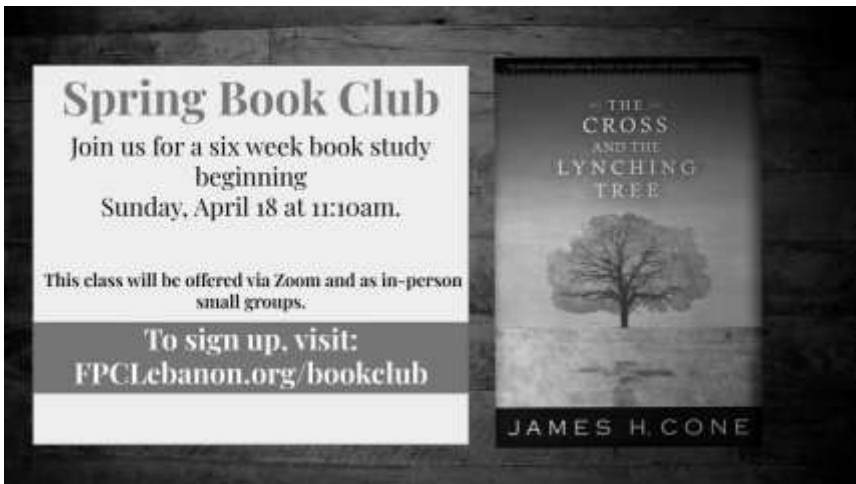
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner April 21, 6:00 p.m.

Meatloaf, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 by Friday, April 16.

BOOK CLUB — On Sunday, April 18, adult Sunday School returns. Join us for a six-week book club discussion on *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. This discussion will be offered in-person immediately following church or via Zoom at 11:10am. To register, please contact Michael or visit fpclebanon.org/bookclub



YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – This month FPC Youth will meet Wednesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 21, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us for games, fellowship, and a chance to grow in your relationship with God. Contact Michael for more details.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Book Club
12:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

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

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
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 – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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