

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



April 18, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Francois Dandrieu

Variations on O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When fear and doubt strolls through our doors:

People: God stands beside us whispering words of peace.

Leader: When we toss and turn in the darkness:

People: God comforts us with melodies of love.

Leader: When we stumble through the darkness of despair:

People: God illumines our path with goodness and joy.

Leader: Our God is always with us.

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and understanding, we pray that you accept our confessions and offer us forgiveness for our sins.

We confess that our faith is clothed in folly. We have ignored the words of your prophets and questioned the testimony of your disciples. When the witnesses of faith have spoken, we did not believe. As we stand before the throne of judgment, we petition your divine mercy. Forgive us our doubts and our fears. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the good news:

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, our savior, we are forgiven. Thanks be the 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

Hear Me When I Call

Richard Shephard

*Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble.
Have mercy upon me and hearken to my prayer.
Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
Amen.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

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

Luke 24:36-48

Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.

SERMON

Haunted

Rev. Sherard Edington

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. 388** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE** Francois Dandrieu
Variations on O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

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.

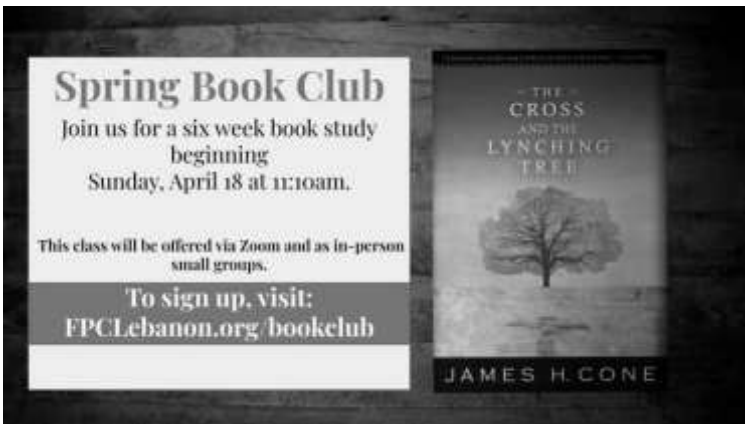
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Tuesday.

BOOK CLUB — Today, 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



SUNDAY DRIVE – Today, at 12:30 p.m., hop into your car and head over to the church for a **Sunday Drive**. We are going to create a caravan of cars to drive to the homes of five church members and wave and shout hello. It should last less than an hour and will be great fun.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – On Wednesday, April 21, the youth will meet at church at 6:00 p.m. to go hiking at Cedars of Lebanon. We will return to church at 7:30 p.m. Contact Michael for more details.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
10:00 a.m. Worship	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
11:10 a.m. Book Club	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Preschool
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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