

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



April 30, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Prologue from a Medieval Monastery"* Walker Baylor
CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of
his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts
with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is
good;

People: **His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***HYMN NO. 115** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the flock, the gate to your kingdom is always
welcoming. You call each of us by name, but we refuse to
respond. You lead the way to life, but we choose to follow
those who lure us through the valley of death. We confess that
we are seduced by liars as we seek shortcuts to your kingdom.
Forgive us, we pray. Help us find the life with you that is truly
abundant. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God will not leave us, nor turn from pursuing us.

People: **Where we go, God already is. Where we dwell,
God dwells.**

Leader: We are God's people and this is God's news:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

* 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)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in
faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10
Psalm 23

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Earth Is the Lord's

Clifford McCormick

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and they that dwell therein.
For he hath founded it upon the hills
and established it upon the floods.*

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord
or who shall stand in His holy place?
He that hath clean hands and a pure heart,
who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity.*

*He shall have the blessing from the Lord,
and righteousness from the God of his soul.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in.*

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and they that dwell therein.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
 for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
 in the presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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At the Elevation

Gilbert M. Martin

*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. 485 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

God Is Ascended

George Blake

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Casserole, Salad, Lima Beans, Strawberry Pie

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of **Dorothy J. Foutch**.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Bruce Taylor on the death of his mother Nell Taylor on April 26.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will meet Monday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	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
March	\$35,666.87	\$26,612.25
YTD	\$84,091.48	\$109,644.76
	Last Week's Offering	\$4,500.00