

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 7, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Land of Rest

Dennis Elliot

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
Do not let me ever be put to shame;

People: **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.**

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save
me.

People: **You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
save me in your steadfast love.**

*HYMN NO. 108

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Life, in this season of Easter, as we gather in
anticipation of the coming of your glory, we confess that we
are driven by our doubts. We only see what we choose to see.
We ignore the obvious signs of your presence. We are drawn
to the empty promises of false prophets. Forgive us our sins,
we pray. Lead us back to your truth and make us whole as you
intend us to be. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus Christ has come into the world and led the
way through death that we may have life. He is
coming again to make all things new.

Friends, this is the Good News:

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

*KYRIE

No. 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***THE PEACE**

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Be Still and Know

Clifford McCormick

*God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed,
and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.
There is a river, the streams of which make glad the city of God:
God is in the midst of her.
Be still, and know that I am God, Know that I am God.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Way. Truth. Life.

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 357** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

***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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In Perfect Peace

Edward Broughton

***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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 442**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Sortie

Cesar Franck

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 10, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.
Chicken will be provided by the church.

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 FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are placed in celebration of the birthday of Annie Evelyn Hollins who turns 90 today. Annie Evelyn is the mother of Courtney Edington.

ANNUAL FISH FRY

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

May 17, 6:00 p.m.



The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and we will eat outside (weather permitting.) The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

Don't miss this delightful event. Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation.

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	5:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee
10:00 a.m.	Worship		Fellowship Meal
11:15 a.m.	Deacons' Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		6:30 p.m.	
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Thursday	
Tuesday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)	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
March	\$35,666.87	\$26,612.25
YTD	\$84,091.48	\$109,644.76
	Last Week's Offering	\$3,956.00