

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 14, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Illumination

Roger C. Wilson

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 60

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples.

People: Let the sound of his praise be heard.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

People: And I will tell what he has done for me.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

People: But truly God has listened.

He has given heed to the words of my prayer.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Creation, we wander this world in a quest for
substance and meaning. In our search for the sacred, we latch
on to shiny idols and empty promises.

We gladly craft doodads and call them gods.

Forgive us our sins. Open our eyes to recognize your glorious
being in our midst. Help us turn and find you in every corner
of our lives. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, where is your trust placed?

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth.

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:16-34

*Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.
For as I went through the city
and looked carefully at the objects of your worship,
I found among them an altar with the inscription,
'To an unknown god.'*

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Behold! I Stand at the Door

Clifford McCormick

*Jesus, our Savior, is standing at the door;
He will grant forgiveness and peace forevermore;
Jesus, our Savior, is standing at the door,
Standing at the door, standing at the door.
Jesus, our Savior, is standing at the door.*

Behold! Behold! I stand at the door, I stand at the door and knock.

Know ye not the shepherd?

Know ye not the shepherd of the flock?

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TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Idol Threats

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 162 *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent* WINCHESTER OLD

*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 *A Quiet Alleluia* David Paxton

*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. 155 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* James Southbridge

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

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 by Monday, May 15.

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 NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, May 27, at 8:00 a.m. Bring an item from your job and a story about it.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day (AA)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Annual Fish Fry
6:30 p.m. NO Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

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
Nursery
Elementary Class and
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders 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	\$4,234.00