

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 23, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

I Look to the Hills

Beatrice A. Miller

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 65 & 119

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless.

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

People: Happy are those who keep the decrees of the Lord
and walk in God's ways.

Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

People: By awesome deeds you answer us with
deliverance. You are the hope of all the ends of the
earth.

*HYMN NO. 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ride Up in the Chariot

Betty Jackson King

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Might, with great and creative love, you made us in
your holy image and called us to be one with you.

However, we confess that we are a divided people.

We reject the option of peace and choose instead to struggle
with one another. We grasp and scheme for power. We allow
our appetites to control us.

Forgive us our sins and open our eyes to your Realm so that
we may envision a new way of living in your glory. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the transforming power of God's Spirit, we can
be changed. Friends, this is the good news of our
salvation:

People: Through 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)

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth
and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25:19-34

*The children struggled together within her; and she said,
"If it is to be this way, why do I live?"
So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,
"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be
divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve
the younger."*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Moses Hogan

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON *There's a New God in Town*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 345 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

REST

*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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Dale Wood

*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. 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Julius Andre

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

WE WELCOME soloist Tamica Nicole to our worship service today. A graduate of Tennessee State University, she received a Master of Arts degree in Vocal Performance from Middle Tennessee State University. Tamica has been an anthem singer for both the Nashville Predators Hockey League and the Nashville Soccer Club. She also starred as Gloria in the Nashville Opera's production of *One Vote Won*.

WORSHIP AND LUNCH – On Sunday, August 6, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Dress casually. Sunday School will meet at 9:00 a.m.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.



For more info on tickets, contact Shelia Weathers
shelia.weathers@compassionatehandstn.org.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will meet on August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	No Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday		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 – Jim Stueck
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
June	\$27,693.30	\$23,155.00
YTD	\$152,370.53	\$172,999.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$5,976.00