

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 4, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

August 4, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*  
*(Our Father in Heaven)*

J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Bread of Life has come among us.

People: What is this Bread of Life?

Leader: It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son!

People: We hunger for the true bread to nourish our souls.

Leader: Come, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life!

People: We come, seeking the sustenance and nurturing of our Savior.

\*HYMN NO. 267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of life, you are the gracious provider of all that is good and wonderful. Yet we fail to accept this.

We confess that we prefer the temporary satisfaction of earthly things instead of the eternal nourishment of heavenly things. We ask the wrong questions and seek our savior in the wrong places. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts to receive the true bread of life that will make us whole.

Direct us to follow your Son as servants and disciples as we lead the world toward your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do you not know? It is Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life! It is in his name that we are forgiven.

People: His love brings us true healing. This is the good news. Thanks be to God!

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\* 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)

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 6:24-35

*I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

Richard Shephard

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*  
*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*  
*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

SERMON

*Ships in the Night* Rev. Sherard Edington

*Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing,  
Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness;  
So on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another,  
Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence.*  
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *Tales of a Wayside Inn*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 508 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

KINGDOM

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from Ephesians 4*

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

The creator who calls us is God.

We are one body, one family, one church,

woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

we are one body in unity and love.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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*Beautiful Savior*

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.*

**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. 144**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*At Calvary*

Traditional

## 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

*Happy Anniversary*

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mickey and Jim Stueck.

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THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE will hold its quarterly stated meeting on Thursday at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Our commissioners to the meeting are Mickey Stueck, Margaret Ann Trail, and Rev. Edington. Please keep our commissioners and the presbytery in your prayers.

### CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY PICNIC

Cumberland University will be hosting the annual Community Picnic on Saturday, August 24, and would love FPC to join them as they welcome new students! For more information, please visit [www.cumberland.edu](http://www.cumberland.edu).

Cumberland University will host a new event this year called Faith Fest, scheduled for Thursday, September 12, from 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. on the university lawn and cafeteria patio area. The event will be hosted by Cumberland's Faith Based student organizations and local churches! We hope you can also join us for this event.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery mtg.
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		5:00 p.m.	Bone/Leeper
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group		Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>		5:00 p.m.	Bone/Leeper
6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag		Wedding
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice		

## SESSION

Class of 2024  
Max Carter  
Nancy Gebhardt  
Mickey Stueck  
Allen Vance

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Nancy Boyd  
Jack Emmert  
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail

## DIACONATE

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Jim Stueck  
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck  
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance  
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt  
Congregational Care – Nancy Boyd  
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail  
Personnel – Jack Emmert  
Worship – Mickey Stueck

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles  
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent  
NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader  
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Children**  
Elementary Class and  
Middle - High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class

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