

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 18, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Christum wir sollen loben schon
(We Shall Praise Christ)

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

from Ephesians 5

Leader: We gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose.

People: Let us make the most of our time together.

Leader: We have come to worship the Lord our God.

People: Let us sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Leader: Let us make the most of our time together.

People: We have come to worship the Lord our God.
Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of love, you created us as your holy children, but we have not always lived up to that calling. We confess that we have lived as unwise people foolishly wasting our sacred time.

We often fail to understand your will. We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness and ignored the fruits of the Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Guide us to keep you in our hearts.

Help us to embrace you as our heavenly Father always. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God has forgiven you.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are fully and forever forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE

No. 572

*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)

Living God,
help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-21

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
making the most of the time, because the days are evil.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

For the Blessings of Our Days

Old Welsh Hymn

*Thine the glory, Thine the praise, For the blessings of our days;
For the comfort of Thy might, In the darkest hours of night.
Lord, we thank Thee here today, Be Thou ever near, we pray,
Ever strengthen Thou our land, With the presence of Thy hand.*

*Lord, we bow in our gratitude For Thy grace, and Thy great good.
For the fields of ripened grain, Fruitful valleys, prairies, plains.
For Thy mountains' majesty, Stretching forth from sun to sea;
Lord, we thank Thee, Thine the praise, For the blessings of our days.*

SERMON

Time Wise

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 388 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

*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 *Little Prelude in G Minor*

Paul Taylor

*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

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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 420 *God of Grace, and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Traditional

Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-21

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts. giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, August 19 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 next Sunday.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade): Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

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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