

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 27, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Recitative and Chorale

Walker Baylor

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

People: Thank you. We come to this place seeking healing for our souls and peace for our spirits.

Leader: God is with us, offering a wondrous healing love to each one.

People: Blessed be God who watches over us.

Leader: Come, let us praise God with thankful hearts.

People: Hear us, God: We present our lives in gratitude for your endless mercies.

*HYMN NO. 263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Life, you call us to love our neighbor. Yet too often we turn a blind eye to the suffering of others.

We confess that we allow fear to cloud our judgment.

We hesitate to stand against oppression and inequality.

We become blind to the inherent worth of every person.

Forgive us for perpetuating wickedness in our world.

Transform our hearts and minds. Grant us the strength to oppose injustice. Infect us with a sacred drive to demand dignity for all people. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through the abundance of God's mercy, you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. God's blessings are poured over you for this service. This is the good news. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

* 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)

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

Exodus 1:8-21

*The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives,
one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the
birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."
But the midwives feared God;
they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them,
but they let the boys live.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lo, the Lord Jehovah Liveth

George F. Handel

*Lo! the Lord Jehovah liveth! He's my rock, I bless his name
He, my God, salvation giveth; All ye lands, exalt his fame.*

*God, Messiah's cause maintaining, Shall his righteous throne extend:
O'er the world the Saviour reigning, Earth shall at his footstool bend.*

*O'er his enemies exalted, Great Redeemer! -see him rise!
Though by powers of hell assaulted, God supports him to the skies.*

*Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, There for ever to abide;
All the heavenly host adore thee, Seated at thy Father's side.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

The Midwife Rebellion

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 316 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

*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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Jesus Is All the World to Me

Gilbert M. Martin

*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. 369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Introduction and Recessional

Gilbert M. Martin

WORSHIP NOTES – Our opening hymn, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, was written by Walter Chalmers Smith and first published in 1867. Smith was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1824, and was educated at the University of Aberdeen as well as New College in Edinburgh. He was ordained in 1850 and served churches in London, Glasgow, and Edinburgh. He was Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland and died in 1908. The hymn is set to ST. DENIO, a Welsh folk melody.

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

A PRAYER GROUP led by Rev. Edington will meet on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. starting September 5. The Group will run for 10 weeks and will study the book "Sailboat Church." To sign up, please contact the church office.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FPC Women will resume meetings on Monday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will begin meeting on Wednesdays in September. More information to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
3:00 p.m.	Called Session Mtg	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	2:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower

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
July	\$39,926.38	\$21,640.35
YTD	\$192,283.41	\$194,649.22
	Last Week's Offering	\$1,657.00