

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 8, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"* Gilbert M. Martin

CHIMING THE HOUR

WHO WE ARE Jessica Fain, liturgist

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: We are called here this day to learn of Christ's healing love.

People: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.

Leader: Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

People: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

People: Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us and saved us.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent.

We admit that we have failed you in many ways:

We have failed to keep the law by not loving one another.

We have shunned your holy commandments.

We have slept when we should have been awake and watching for your arrival. Forgive us we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We were created in the image of God, but have been defiled with the stain of sin. Christ takes away that stain and makes us pure.

People: Thanks be to God! In the name of Christ we are forgiven.

*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)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-17

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Gracious Spirit

Alfred V. Fedak

*Come, Gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.*

*The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart, that we from thee may ne'er depart.*

*Lead us to Christ, the living Way, nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.*

*Lead us to heav'n, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him for ever blessed.*

SERMON

Burn-In

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 359 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

*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 *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. 443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation* AURELIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Sortie* Cesar Franck

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 Churchwide Picnic

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date! The annual church picnic will be held at Don Fox Community Park. Bring your favorite picnic side; the church will provide chicken, drinks, paper goods, and serving utensils.

Bring a friend!

COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL – FPC will prepare and serve food on September 9 for the unhoused guests at Compassionate Hands.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

COMMUNION PREPARATION TRAINING: On Wednesday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m., there will be a training session for communion set-up and clean-up. For more information contact Mickey Stueck.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, September 21, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – We are one month away from our 7th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,152 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 12, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We must raise \$4,263.84 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is appreciated.

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	
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

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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