

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 19, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Voluntary in E minor (Set 2 #9)

John Stanley

Voluntary in F Major (Set 3 #10)

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of
the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread.

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: But the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN NO. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the good, you made us to be wise,
but we prefer to be wicked.

We confess that we are drawn to disorder and conflict.

We scorn gentleness and are unwilling to yield.

We are guided by envy and selfish ambition.

We covet what we cannot possess.

Forgive us, Lord, and draw us near. Help us discover works
born of wisdom and actions formed from understanding.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God will not leave us, nor turn from pursuing us.

People: Where we go, God already is.

Where we dwell, God dwells.

Leader: We are God's people and this is God's news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

***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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,
willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who make peace.*

ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. Ehret

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitation, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON

How to Save the World

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

Offertory (part 2)

Francois Couperin

*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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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 391 *Take My Life (vs 1, 2, 3, 6)*

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Thanks Be to God

Francois Couperin

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 3 at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four at-large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for anyone interested in joining the church will be offered by Sherard Edington starting October 3. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 3, 10, and 17. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office. The location is the class has not been determined. However, we will meet on the first floor of the church.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER— We are one month away from our 4th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at that 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We need to raise \$3500 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH

Youth Group (5th -12th grade) –The youth group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights.

Rise Against Hunger—The youth will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on October 16 to help fill 10,000 meal bags.

Coats 4 Folks—The youth are planning a coat drive in November. More details to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Thursday	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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