

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 22, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Here, O My Lord

David Paxton

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: Our good works are done with gentleness.

People: Bitterness only leads to anguish.

Leader: God seeks peace and hope for all God's people.

People: But if our hearts are filled with anger, we reject God's mercy.

Leader: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.

People: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve.

*HYMN NO. 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Wisdom,

You are the root of all that is good and righteous in this world.

We come before you this day with humble hearts

acknowledging our weaknesses and seeking your mercy.

We confess that our envy of others is harmful and that we

often seek to elevate ourselves above our neighbors. We boast and evade the truth.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be peaceable, forgiving, and

kind in all that we do. Help us to draw near to you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: On this day, our Lord reaches out to us in healing love and compassion and offers us forgiveness of our sins. Receive the blessings of the Lord.

People: We are healed and made whole. We are ready to serve.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we are forgiven.

People: This is the Good News of the Gospel.
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)

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 3:13-4:8

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Preludio (Saudade) Augustin Barrios Mangore

SERMON

A Harvest of Righteousness Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 368 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*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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Julia Florida

Augustin Barrios Mangore

*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. 383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Don Hustad

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

September 25, 6:00 p.m.

BBQ Chicken Thighs, Squash Casserole, Cole Slaw, Cobbler

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

Sherard will offer a slide presentation on his Greek travels.

WE WELCOME guitarist Dr. Richard Todd to our worship service today. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Southern Methodist University, and the University of North Texas. Dr. Todd is Associate Professor of Music at Tennessee State University. He also serves as President of Classical Guitar Nashville, a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering guitar artistry, outreach, and education in the Greater Nashville area.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 29, at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four At-Large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – We are two weeks 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.

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

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	5:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Mtg.
9:45 a.m.	Church School	5:00 p.m.	Worship Comm.
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
12:15 p.m.	Called Session	6:30 p.m.	Presentation
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
		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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