

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 24, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 2

Clara Wieck Schumann

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 78

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds
of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.

Leader: How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

People: He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

Leader: Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come
into God's courts with praise!

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 430 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Mercy,

You poured life itself over the canvas of creation. Your word is
genesis. You take the ordinary and make it exceptional.

We acknowledge that all good comes from you and yet we
continue to wallow in despair and complaint.

We confess that when there is plenty, we see only scarcity.

When there is warmth, we feel alone. Where there is joy, we
whine and grumble. Forgive our selfish ways and help us see
your glory in our lives. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through our ups and downs, God is with us. This is the Good News for all—that God’s love and mercy is the core of our salvation.

People: It is Good News indeed! Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia and amen.

*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

Exodus 17:1-7

*He called the place Massah and Meribah,
because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying,
"Is the Lord among us or not?"*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I Am the Vine

Robert Lau

*When Jesus walked the earth among us, long ago and far away,
He brought the people hope of salvation.
They heard Him teach. They heard Him say:
I am the Vine, you are the branches; believe, you will be free, be free.
You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd, come follow, follow Me.*

*If we believe He still walks among us day by day and year by year.
Will we know He brings us salvation: Will we see? Will we hear?
I am the Vine, you are the branches; believe, you will be free, be free.
You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd, come follow, follow Me.*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord. Teach us today, show us the way.
I am the Vine, you are the branches; if you believe, you will be free.
You are my sheep, I am your Shepherd. You will bear fruit, come follow Me.
I am the Vine. Come follow me.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

The Complaint Department

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 251 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* WINCHESTER NEW

*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 *There Is a Happy Land* Dale Wood

*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. 478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE

*Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'vr the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*POSTLUDE *God Is Ascended* George Blake

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 27, 6:00 p.m.

Country Style Ribs, Squash Casserole, Cole Slaw, Pineapple Cake

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday. If you would like to have a standing reservation for the season, please contact the church office.

THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE is placed in celebration of the birth of William Nicholas Adams to Laura and Will Adams on September 20. Congratulations to the proud grandparents, Kathy and Joe Adams.

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

RISE AGAINST HUNGER— We are one month away from our 6th 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 14, 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 \$4,000 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Session Meeting	Thursday	
11:15 a.m.	Budget/Finance	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday			
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

SESSION

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024
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 –
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
Nursery
Elementary Class and
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
August	\$26,390.91	\$16,014.80
YTD	\$218,662.52	\$231,180.78
	Last Week's Offering	\$7,680.00