

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 27, 2020

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Allegro Cantabile (Symphony no. 5)

C.M. Widor

Allegretto (Sonata 4)

Felix Mendelssohn

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Philippians 2

Leader: May our minds be like that of Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,

People: Did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

Leader: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,

People: Being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,

Leader: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to
the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,

Leader: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
of all, Amen.

HYMN NO. 483

Sing Praise to God

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most Merciful God, we confess to you we have sinned
through our own fault, in our thoughts and in our words, in
what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. For the
sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,
renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

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.

ANTHEM*At the Name of Jesus*

James Kirkby

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

*Is the Lord among us or not?***SERMON***The Art of Complaining*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**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**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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Leader: We pray to you, faithful God

People: Hear our laments, and receive our prayers

SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso (Sonata 4)

Felix Mendelssohn

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

SUNDAY DRIVE – Today at noon, you should hop into your car and head over to the church so that you can take a **Sunday Drive**. We are going to create a caravan of cars to drive to the homes of several church members and wave and shout hello. It should last less than an hour and will be great fun.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Next Sunday, the first Sunday of October, is **World Communion Sunday**. In previous years, FPC has held our much-loved **All-Church Breakfasts** on this day. Sadly, the Breakfast is not an option this year. However, we are planning to hold an outdoor worship service at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting). Worship will be outside—socially distanced—in the parking lot. We'll have folding chairs available, but if you've got a comfy lawn chair, then bring it. The service will feature the singing of lots of old, favorite hymns. The service will also be broadcast online via Zoom.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 4 at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four At-Large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) – Wednesdays at 6:32pm via Zoom. We have a special Virtual Escape Room on Wednesday at 6:32pm. We plan to return to outdoor, in-person gatherings on October 14.

RENEW: SPECIAL 1-DAY VBS: Did you miss summer VBS? Join us Sunday, October 18, from 3-6 pm for a special, one-day q. Get ready for songs, crafts, and a whole lot of fun! This event is for children AND youth. We will have a children's track for the little ones and a youth track for our middle schoolers. Families are welcome to have dinner and attend a closing ceremony from 5:30-6:00 pm. To RSVP or to volunteer, please contact Michael at 618-979-6320 or mjschulte.14@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
10:00 a.m. Worship	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
11:10 a.m. Fall Book Club	Thursday
Monday	9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study with Michael	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
9:00 a.m. Preschool	

ELDERS

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Pat Bone	Suanne Bone	Becky Burris
Robin Orewiler	Don Goodwin	Jessica Fain
Wayne Patton	Adrienne Johnson	Mickey Stueck
Kim Wall	David Howell	

DIACONATE

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Sondra Bishop	Becky Harm	Jack Emmert
Marty Bone	Lee Lyle	Marilyn Peyton
Linda Gatlin	Sandra Patton	Laura Simmons
Pat Hatcher	Emily Peyton	Margaret Ann Trail

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – John Foutch
Budget & Finance –
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Robin Orewiler
Personnel –
Worship – Pat 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	Adult
Nursery	Atypical Class
Preschool – 1 st Grade	Cross Roads Class
Elementary Class	Faith Builders Class
Middle School Class	Westminster Class
High School Class	Women's Class

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