

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 29, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 29, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

David J. Hegarty

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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mickey Stueck

## CHORAL INTROIT

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

People: Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!

Leader: Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

People: We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

People: Blessed be the Lord!

## \*HYMN NO. 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Heaven,

So many around us suffer from ailments of the spirit as well as the body. And yet we are ashamed at how poorly we respond. We confess that we have failed to comfort the afflicted. We don't place our full trust in prayer. We offer hollow words and empty actions.

Forgive us our sins. Teach us to pray. Inspire us to reach out to the vulnerable in our midst and guide us in building a community of love. Amen

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst.

Leader: We are whole people called to make this world whole. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

People: 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 5:13-20

*The prayer of faith will save the sick,  
and the Lord will raise them up,  
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Timothy Shaw

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green,  
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while;  
under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

### SERMON

*Prayers of Faith*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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

OFFERTORY

*Pilgrim's Chorus*

Richard Wagner

\*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. 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*To God Be the Glory*

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

October 2, 6:00 p.m.

*Pulled Roast Pork, Roasted Root Vegetables,  
Hashbrown Casserole, Heath Bar 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.

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**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 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** will be received next Sunday. A gift to this special offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

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### All Church Breakfast

Sunday, October 6  
10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Instead of Sunday School, everyone is invited to our All-Church Breakfast. In celebration of World Communion Sunday, communion will be served at the end of the meal.

## YOUTH

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

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:45 a.m.	Congregational Mtg	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Monday</b>		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	

## 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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