

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 3, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Allegro (from Symphony 1)* William Boyce

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 34*

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

People: O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God's
name together.

Leader: When I sought you, O God, you answered me.
You delivered me from all my fears.

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in you, O God.

*HYMN NO. 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of life, you graciously call us to come to you,
but we turn away. We ignore you and the many signs that you
send. We dismiss your prophets and close our ears to your
Word. Greedily, we seek out that which will feed us today
while we ignore that which will nourish us for eternity.

Hear our confessions, we pray. Forgive us and help us receive
the true bread of heaven. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity
overflows.

People: We have been claimed as God's own people.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*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.*

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Barbara Howell

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35, 41-51

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.*

ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Rachel Aarons

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;*

*Fill me, Radiancy divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Michael Schulte

SERMON

Bread of Heaven

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 505**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

***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 ANTHEM *Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Stan Pethel

*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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

REGENT SQUARE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Allegro

William Boyce

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ. As we partake of Holy Communion, we remember all our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace & Global Mission Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Casserole, Lima Beans, Roasted Root Vegetables, Carrot Cake

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 by Friday, October 8.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There was a Congregational Meeting today at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four at-large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

DINGES HOUSE “SPRUCE UP” DAY calls for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on November 6. Please contact the church office for more information.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for those 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.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –Youth group will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Thursday	
10:45 a.m.	Congregational Mt	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
11:00 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
12:15 p.m.	Christian Ed Mtg.	Friday	
12:15 p.m.	Deacons' Mtg.	Saturday	
Monday			
Tuesday			
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

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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