

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast,
hosted by Jesus Christ.

People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Leader: All who thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

People: All who are lost will find safety here.

Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

People: All who are broken will find healing here.

Leader: This is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

People: Let us worship God!

HYMN

In The Garden

GARDEN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace, but in our violence, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us into servants of your righteousness. 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.*

THE PEACE

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

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Kristy Vincent

A time to express our deep appreciation to Kristy Vincent for her twenty years of dedicated service to this congregation.

ANTHEM (lyrics on back)

Hymn Medley

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

Matthew 21:28-32

Which of the two did the will of his father?

SERMON

The Way of Righteousness

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.*

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

(Please hold the elements until all are served)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Matthew 21:28-32

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

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 sisters and brothers in Christ around the world. World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with others in need.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting today at 9:45 a.m. to elect four At-Large Members to the Officer Nominating Committee. These four will join Elders Pat Bone and Robin Orewiler and Deacon Lee Lyle. The four names in nomination are Kathy Adams, Nancy Boyd, Mary M. Farris, George Gebhardt.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 10, at 8:00 a.m. Mayoral candidate Rick Bell will speak. Please make a reservation with the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grade) – Wednesdays at 6:32pm via Zoom. No Youth on October 7 and 14 due to Fall Break. They will return to outdoor, in-person gatherings on October 21.

RENEW: SPECIAL 1-DAY VBS: Did you miss summer VBS? Join us Sunday, October 18, from 3-6 pm for a special, one-day event. 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	
9:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
11:10 a.m.	Fall Book Club	Friday	
Monday		Saturday	
6:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Michael	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Tuesday			

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!*
- 2. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

- 1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.*
- 2. Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace
conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.*

Let All Things Now Living

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise:
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.*

There Is Power in the Blood

- 1. Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.
(Refrain) There is pow'r, pow'r, wonderworking pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r wonderworking pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*
- 2. Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.
(Refrain)*

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.*