

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 22, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

There Is a Fountain

Harold DeCou

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In our world, there are rulers, presidents, kings, and queens. But God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

People: We must reach out to others with love in the same way that God has touched our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.

*HYMN NO. 443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Heaven: We come before you today humbly confessing the sins of our souls. We like to think that we are crafty and that we can easily trap you with our words.

But we confess that our words are insincere.

We confess that we don't follow the truth that you have established. Where you are impartial, we show favorites.

We fail to acknowledge that you are Lord of all.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us give to you all that is rightly yours. Help us give you our hearts. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord has given us gifts and abilities to work for his kingdom. You are especially blessed by God. Go into this world with the confidence of God's presence and love knowing that you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Carla Boone
Georgia Mae Boone

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

*Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Nearer, My God, To Thee

Charles Walker

*Nearer my God to Thee! Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
There let the way appear steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer my God, to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee!*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

What Belongs to God

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 428 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

*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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Paul Manz

*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. 555 *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Prologue from "In a Medieval Monastery"* Walker Baylor

WORSHIP NOTES – The author of our second hymn is Rev. William Walsham How. Rev. How was born in Shrewsbury, England in 1823. He studied at Oxford and Durham University and was ordained into the Church of England in 1847. As a bishop, he was known as “the poor man’s bishop” and as the “children’s bishop” for his work among the destitute in the London slums and among the factory workers in west Yorkshire. He wrote a number of theological works and over sixty hymns including many for children. Rev. How died in Ireland in 1897 at the age of 74.

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 25, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

Chicken will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

WE WELCOME into membership into the church today Carla Boone who joins by reaffirmation of faith.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be administered today to Georgia Mae Boone, daughter of Carla and Stephen Boone.

THERE WILL BE A PLANNING MEETING for the New Covenant Community worship on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fourth community Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., and we need your help. We are looking for members of the congregation who are willing to host "trunks"— people who decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy in our parking lot. To volunteer, please contact Kristy in the office. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off in the church office.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today.

ANNEX "SPRUCE UP" DAY is looking for volunteers to help spruce up the church Annex on November 18 in preparation for this season's Compassionate Hands. Clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact the church office.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 5, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing officers.

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
11:15 a.m.	Christian Ed	Thursday	
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday			
3:00 p.m.	NCC Planning mtg		
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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
September	\$28,240.38	\$20,595.92
YTD	\$246,974.99	\$251,782.70
	Last Week's Offering	\$3,111.56