

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON

SECOND  
SUNDAY OF

*Advent*



December 5, 2021

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 5, 2021

*Second Sunday of Advent*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE *Come Now, Saviour of the Heathen (trio)* J.S. Bach

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Van & Carol Turner

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Let us pray together.

People: God of peace, we look forward to the time when the earth is full of your glory, when righteousness is at home and peace reigns in all the world. May we prepare for that day by working together for justice and peace. Amen.

Sing: *Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.*

\*HYMN NO. 11 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

GEBEN

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of High Places, you invite us into your divine presence, but we confess that we dismiss your call. You seek to forge a relationship with us while we choose to look out only for ourselves. You offer us the road to salvation, but we are too busy blazing our own trails in search of something that is not you. Forgive us and help us to appreciate the gravity of your holy being. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "God is our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. God is our strength and our might."

Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 23

*Gloria in excelsis Deo;*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,  
the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.  
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,  
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

### ANTHEM

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptists Cry*

Simon Andrews

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.*

*We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and grant reward;  
Without your grace, we waste away Like flowers that wither and decay.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent set thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!*

### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

### SERMON

*The Road Home*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 508 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

### \*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 *According to Thy Gracious Word*

W.A. Mozart

### DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

### \*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

MEDITATION *Hour of Communion*

David Paxton

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

James Mansfield

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 3 *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

PSALM 42

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn no. 44

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!*

*So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.*

*No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,*

*Where meek souls will receive Him, Still the dear Christ enters in.*

\*POSTLUDE

*Siciliano*

Antonio Scarlatti

## 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

December 8, 6:00 p.m.

*Baked Ham, Twice Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls,  
Eggnog Cake*

We will have a special visit from Santa.

Bring your wish list and your camera! Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make a reservation **by noon Tuesday**.

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TO ACCESS WIFI go to FPC\_wifi and enter password 6154441360.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS – A sign-up is posted in the hall if you would like to help with breakfast on Sunday mornings. Although we haven't committed to providing nightly hosts or helping with the daily sanitizing of each shelter, CH is still looking for volunteers in these areas. If you can help, please contact Allen Tack of CH at 615-426-1254. We also need donations of travel Kleenex, Hot Hands warmers, disposable razors, and travel shampoo. A collection box will be located in the hallway near fellowship hall for you to drop off these items.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betty Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Brianna Hatter, Ida Mason, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., Allen Vance, and Lyse Watson.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	Keyboards at Christmas	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Monday		Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

## ELDERS

Class of 2021  
Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck  
Pat Bone

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

## 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  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

## 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Elementary Class  
Middle- High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class  
Westminster Class  
Women's Class

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