

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



February 16, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

February 16, 2025

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*In Pastures Green*

John M. Rasley

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

### CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 1*

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

People: Or take the path that sinners tread.

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: And on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

### \*HYMN NO. 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, although we recognize that you are the Lord of All, we confess that our concern for others can be arbitrary.

We turn away from the poor.

We ignore the hungry.

We are indifferent to those who weep.

We exclude those who are loathed.

Meanwhile, we are content with our own affluence and power. Forgive us our many sins and help us to be selfless to all our neighbors. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God looks at us in our brokenness,  
and offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.  
With the assurance of God's faithful love, let us  
choose this day to be people of blessing.

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

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ron and Kim Barnes

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-31

*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

### SOLO

*Wayfaring Stranger*

John Jacob Niles

*I am a poor wayfaring stranger, while journ'ying through this world of woe;  
Yet there's no sickness, toil, nor danger In that fair land to which I go.  
  
I'm going there to see my mother, I'm going there, no more to roam;  
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.  
  
I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way is rough and steep;  
Yet beauteous fields lie just before me, Where God's redeemed their vigils keep.  
  
I'm going there to see my Father, He said He'd meet me when I come.  
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.  
  
I want to wear a crown of glory When I get home to that good land,  
I want to shout Salvation's story In concert with the blood-washed Band.  
  
I'm going there to meet my Savior, To sing His praise forevermore,  
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.*

### SERMON

*Where Heaven Meets Earth*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 366 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

\*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 *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* John Andrews

### \*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. 478 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *St. Denio* Robert Graham

## 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

February 19, 6:00 p.m.

*Chili with fixin's, Dessert*

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

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WE WELCOME into membership into the church today **Ron and Kim Barnes** and **Bob and Beverly Nabors**. They come to us by transfer of letter.

WE WELCOME **Tristan Olsen** as our soloist today. He is a member of our sanctuary choir and a student at Cumberland University majoring in music. He plans to pursue acting and musical theatre after graduation. Tristan has performed in over 30 stage productions and 4 films nationwide.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of **Frances Sellars, John Reed Hill, Jr., and Ray F. Dykes**.

**LADIES' BINGO NIGHT** – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun!

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday. A portion of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.

## YOUTH

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

## 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
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
	Office Closed	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bingo	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

## SESSION

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Jack Emmert  
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail  
Allen Vance

Class of 2027  
Marilyn Peyton

## DIACONATE

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Jim Stueck  
Kim Wall

Class of 2026  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2027

## 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 –  
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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