

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



March 16, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Sortie

Cesar Franck

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 22

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you who are in awe of God's presence!

People: We worship our Holy God.

Leader: For the Lord our God has never turned away from us or left us alone.

People: For the Lord our God hears the cries and the pain of his people.

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you who gather before God in worship and praise!

People: We come before the Lord our God to celebrate God's blessings and love.

*HYMN NO. 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the Spirit, you watch over us as an attentive parent watches their children. Your love is without question
Yet, when those around us are in pain, too often we turn the other way. We betray those in our care.

Our intentions may be good, but our commitment is weak.
We choose blindness when we should be vigilant.

Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the strength to be ever watchful and protect us from the trials that test our faithfulness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not forsake us in times of trial.

People: Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs of the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:32-50

The hour has come:

the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

God of the Ages

Pepper Choplin

*God of the ages, who never changes, who was and is to come,
before the beginning, ever living, the Eternal One.
God of the ages, who is gracious, show to anger and full of grace,
and all who ask Him will find compassion,
the Lord will come and heal their souls.
For as the heaven is high, above the earth,
great is God's mercy to all who fear Him.
And as far as the east is from the west,
so has He taken our sins, our sins away.
But the grace of the Lord, the love of the Lord
is everlasting to everlasting.
And He will show His great love and righteousness
to all our children's children, every generation.
God of the ages, who is gracious, Lord come and heal our souls.*

SERMON

A Week of Holy Terror: Gut Punch

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 82 *O Lamb of God Most Holy!*

O LAMM GOTTES

*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

At the Elevation

Gilbert M. Martin

*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. 84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Chorale and Fugue on "Ein Feste Burg"* James Denton

WORSHIP NOTES – Lent is the 40-day season during which the Church prepares for the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because Sundays are considered "mini-Easters," a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen" referring to the lengthening of the daylight hours which occurs in the northern hemisphere during spring.

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

March 19, 6:00 p.m.

*Corned Beef & Cabbage with Carrots & Potatoes,
Irish Crème Cake*

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

LADIES' BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, March 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 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 (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	5:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
12:30 p.m.	Gebhardt Internment	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
		Saturday	

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

Congregational Care & Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail

Personnel – Jack Emmert

Worship & Christian Education – 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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