

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
LEBANON

THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT 

March 23, 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

In Perfect Peace

Edward Broughton

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 16

Leader: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at
my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices

People: You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

*HYMN NO. 476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Boundless Love, through the explosive power of creation, you fashioned us in your divine image. You called us into sacred fellowship to walk beside you. Yet, too often we choose to keep our distance. We confess our disobedience and our reluctance to recognize your hand in our lives. Fear holds us captive, preventing us from seeing you in our midst. Forgive us our sins. Release us from fear and fill us with the joy of your abiding love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful.
God does not reject us when we do not trust fully.
God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

People: It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us. It is
all we need or ever will need. 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 14:53-72

*Peter began to curse, and he swore an oath,
"I do not know this man you are talking about."*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Ronald Turner

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

SERMON

A Week of Holy Terror: Trials & Denials

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* LONESOME VALLEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Andante* Gustav Merkel

*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. 98 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *St. Anthony's Chorale* Franziska Josef Haydn

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 26, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish (chicken will be provided)

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

WELCOME - We extend a heartfelt welcome to **Jamie Cozart** as he joins the life of our church. We rejoice in Jamie's baptism today through which he was received into the Body of Christ.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope. 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.

TOWN HALL MEETING - You are invited to join us for a Town Hall Meeting on March 30th at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for us to collaboratively shape the future of FPC. At tables of 3-5 people, we will engage in small group discussions to share our thoughts and perspectives on key questions presented by the meeting leader. The insights gathered from these discussions will be instrumental in helping our Elders develop a comprehensive vision for FPC's near and long-term future.

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	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
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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