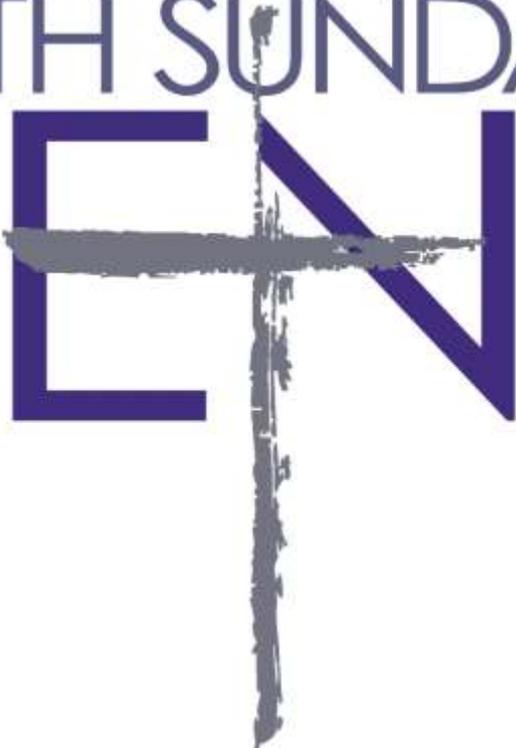


FIRST   
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LEBANON

FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT



April 6, 2025

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*At Calvary*

Traditional

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

Leader: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

People: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Leader: Come and let us worship with great joy!

People: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

Leader: God is about to do something new in our lives!

People: Let God's will become strong in all we do!

\*HYMN NO. 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* REGENT SQUARE

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the Feast, we gather in this place calling ourselves 'God's people'. We come to indulge in the bread of heaven and the cup of life. We confess, however, that too often we reject your gifts and deny knowing you. We desert you at the first hint of trouble.

Forgive us our sins. Rebuild our faith and make us new.

Lead us back to the table to commune with your glory each and every day. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not leave us in our sin and shame.

People: But at the table, God offers us the Bread of Life.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live."

People: Through Jesus' broken body, we are made whole. Through him, we are forgiven. Let us rejoice!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*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)**

Mighty and majestic God: we dare not approach the sacred text without offering a spoken or silent petition, asking for you to enlighten us as your Word is read and proclaimed; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 14:12-26

*While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

**ANTHEM**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Simon Andrews

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green,  
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain.  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

**SERMON**

*A Week of Holy Terror: This Is My Body*

Rev. Sherard Edington

**RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN NO. 515**

*Now to Your Table Spread*

LOVE UNKNOWN

**\*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**      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*      Traditional

**\*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**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN NO. 144**      *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*      HYFRYDOL

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*      Traditional

## 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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC\_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 9, 6:00 p.m.

*Casserole Cookoff*

Bring a friend and your favorite casserole.

Please fill out the bulletin insert and join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Dr. Robert Carver Bone.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stratton Bone who was inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame on April 1 in recognition of his contributions through agriculture to make Wilson County and Tennessee a better place to work and live.

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE – First Presbyterian will participate in Stations Through the Square, a community event held on Good Friday. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, April 18, please contact Kristy in the church office at 615-444-1360.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

## 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>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Tuesday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Friday</b>	
		<b>Saturday</b>	

## 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	Adult
Elementary Class and Middle - High School Class	Crossroads Class Faith Builders Class

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