

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



September 19, 2021

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 19, 2021

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### SILENT MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

*Voluntary in E minor (Set 2 #9)*

John Stanley

*Voluntary in F Major (Set 3 #10)*

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 1*

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of  
the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread.

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: But the way of the wicked will perish.

#### \*HYMN NO. 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the good, you made us to be wise,  
but we prefer to be wicked.

We confess that we are drawn to disorder and conflict.

We scorn gentleness and are unwilling to yield.

We are guided by envy and selfish ambition.

We covet what we cannot possess.

Forgive us, Lord, and draw us near. Help us discover works  
born of wisdom and actions formed from understanding.

Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God will not leave us, nor turn from pursuing us.

People: Where we go, God already is.

Where we dwell, God dwells.

Leader: We are God's people and this is God's news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,  
willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,  
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.  
And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who make peace.*

**ANTHEM**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. Ehret

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitation, no op'ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Michael Schulte

**SERMON**

*How to Save the World*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 345     *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

REST

\*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

*Offertory (part 2)*

Francois Couperin

\*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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## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 391     *Take My Life (vs 1, 2, 3, 6)*

HENDON

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Thanks Be to God*

Francois Couperin

## 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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 3 at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four at-large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

**AN INQUIRERS CLASS** for anyone interested in joining the church will be offered by Sherard Edington starting October 3. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 3, 10, and 17. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office. The location is the class has not been determined. However, we will meet on the first floor of the church.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**— We are one month away from our 4th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at that 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We need to raise \$3500 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## YOUTH

**Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade)** –The youth group will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday nights.

**Rise Against Hunger**—The youth will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on October 16 to help fill 10,000 meal bags.

**Coats 4 Folks**—The youth are planning a coat drive in November. More details to follow.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Church School	<b>Thursday</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Monday</b>		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	

## ELDERS

Class of 2021  
Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves

## 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

## 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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