

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



March 2, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Chorale prelude on "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"*

Van Denman Thompson

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 99

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!

Leader: Praise the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

People: Praise the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

***HYMN NO. 439** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Radiant Glory, you call for us to draw near to you, yet we remain deaf to your divine words.

We confess that we sleep when you want us to watch. We cling to our past although you point us toward your future.

We ignore the needs of people around us and focus on our own desires.

Forgive us our sins, we pray. Grant us the strength to live lives that honor your kingdom always. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord sees us and knows us.

People: The Lord sees us and loves us.

Leader: The Lord sees us and calls us.

People: The Lord sees us and forgives us. 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.

Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord.*

*Beloved, this is what love is: not that we love God,
but that he loves us and sent his only Son to free us from our sin.*

How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God?

He sent his only Son to die for all our sins.

Is there greater love than this?

*Beloved, if this is how God love, then we should love all men,
and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us.*

Let us love one another.

SERMON

Listen to Him

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

***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

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Prayer

George Blake

***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. 343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Sing Alleluia!

Robert J. Hughes

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

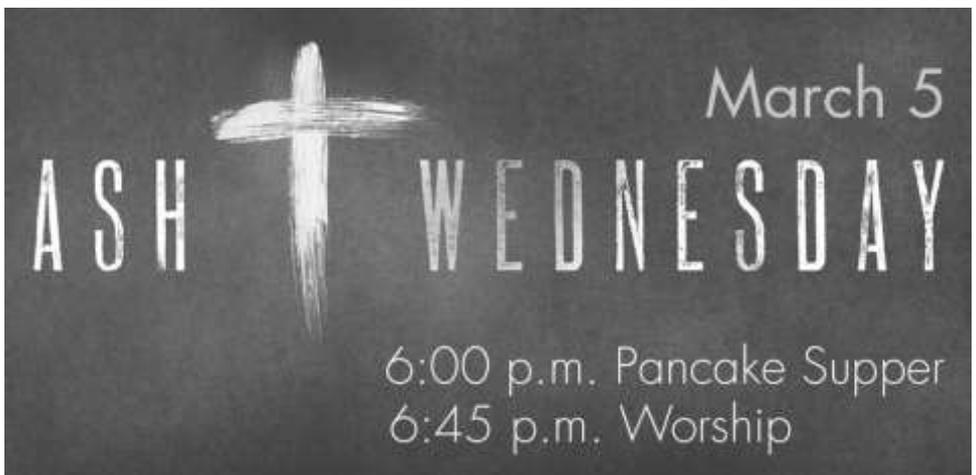
Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Pancake Supper

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Claudine Prowell. Claudine was the church organist from 1960-2002.



YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
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	6:45 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA 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
Christian Education –
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail
Personnel – Jack Emmert
Worship –

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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