

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 18, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Chorale

Raymond H. Haan

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: The earth is the Lord's!
Everything in creation belongs to God.

People: Lift up your eyes! See the mighty works of the Lord!

Leader: This is the Lord's house! All who hope in the Lord
will be called children of God.

People: Lift up your hearts!
Receive the gracious gifts of the Lord!

Leader: This is the hour for worship and song.

People: Lift up your voice! Praise the Lord with all your
might!

*HYMN NO. 8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Glory, as we come into your sacred temple, we confess
that we are not prepared to stand before you. Our hearts are
weak, and our hands are soiled by our sins.

We speak falsely and our actions do not proclaim your glory.

By your mercy forgive our sins. Cleanse our souls and make us
worthy to worship you, and you alone, so that our whole lives
may magnify your holy name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Behold: The former things have passed away, and
God's grace flows like a river of new life.
Friends, hear the good news:

People: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
We are made anew! Thanks be to God!

*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)

Loving Lord, fill us to the top with your sweet Spirit, and
reveal yourself to us once again, so that we may truly hear and
then proclaim your good news to the world around us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24

*Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love

Charles Dupree

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul;
that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM
I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on:
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

SERMON

At the Heart of It Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 145** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

***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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O How He Love You and Me

Kurt Kaiser

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn No. 592

*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. 428** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Introduction and Recessional

Gilbert M. Martin

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

THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to make this week's Fish Fry one of the best ever. It was wonderful (and delicious) from start to finish.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday. FPC Lebanon is a covenant partner with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's Hunger Program through the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering. We invite every member to contribute a few cents for every meal as an expression of thanks for what we have received. All monies collected are used to support local hunger programs and to help fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. The 4 Cents-a-Meal offering is received on the fourth Sunday of each month. 30% of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area.

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	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
9:45 a.m. Church School	Thursday
11:00 a.m. Worship	10:00 a.m. Preschool
12:15 p.m. Session Meeting	Graduation
Monday	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. New Day Group	Friday
7:00 p.m. Ladies Bingo	Saturday
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m. Preschool	

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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