

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 25, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Donald Lee Moore
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: We come together this day,
drawn by the light of God's love!

People: We come together this day,
seeking a new way of living.

Leader: In God's eternal kingdom,
darkness and despair are vanquished.

People: In God's eternal realm,
peace and hope are the greatest joys!

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their music and
their voices!

People: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of
love and compassion. Praise be to God!

*HYMN NO. 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of our hearts, in our desire to be self-reliant, we often choose to overlook your guidance and direction. We confess that we dismiss sacred visions and choose to grope blindly through life. We close our hearts to your presence and neglect to proclaim the Good News to those you have brought before us.

Forgive us our sins and direct us on your holy way.

Grant us the humility to follow your Word in all that we do.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel God's healing presence in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
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

Acts 16:9-15

*On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river,
where we supposed there was a place of prayer;
and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Cooman

*Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;
they triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.
To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.*

*And then your touch brought life and health,
gave speech and strength and sight;
and youth renewed, with health restored,
claimed you, the Lord of light.*

*And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now, as then,
in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.*

*O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath.
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,
that whole and sick and wake and strong may praise you ever more.*

SERMON

Thy Presence My Light

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 129 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

*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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My Jesus, I Love Thee

Dale Wood

*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. 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!

Robert J. Hughes

MEMORIAL DAY

As we observe Memorial Day weekend, let us pause to remember with prayer and profound gratitude the members of the United States military who gave their lives for our nation.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

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

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Our congregation 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. Thirty-percent of this offering stays with FPC to use in our community.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received on Sunday, June 8. This offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC(USA.). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people and also address the needs of at-risk children.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will resume meeting in September.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
8:45 a.m. Worship	6:00 p.m. Brown Bag
9:45 a.m. Church School	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
Monday	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Office Closed	Friday
6:00 p.m. New Day Group	Saturday
Tuesday	

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

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Congregational Care & Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail

Personnel – Jack Emmert

Worship & Christian Education – Mickey Stueck

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Pastor – Sherard Edington

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Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

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Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Elementary Class and

Middle - High School Class

Adult

Crossroads Class

Faith Builders Class

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