

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



June 1, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Elegy

Robert Lau

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 97

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

People: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.

People: The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

*HYMN NO. 440 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

McKEE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you created us for life together,
but we have turned from your will.

We have not loved as you commanded.

We have broken the promises we have made to you and to
one another. We have taken much and given little.

Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love,
so that we may serve you as a faithful people,
and live together in your joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us.
Leader: Christ rose for us.
People: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE

Hymn 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

Acts 16:16-34

Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads

Victor C. Johnson

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up ye ancient doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of glory? The Lord of God who is strong and mighty;
the Lord who is great in battle, He is our God!*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up ye ancient doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.*

SERMON

Breaking Chains

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *He Dies! The Friend of Sinner Dies!*

Tim Birchwood

***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.*

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

Hymn No. 581

*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. 372** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Living

Benton Price

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

COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL – FPC prepared and served food on May 28 for the unhoused guests at Compassionate Hands. We will serve again in June, July, and August. Volunteers are always welcome.

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.

PHOTO DIRECTORY TRAINING SESSION will be held next Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come learn how to install and utilize our new online church directory. Bring your phone or tablet with you.

YOUTH

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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. NCC Worship	6:00 p.m. Brown Bag
10:00 a.m. Church School	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
Monday	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m. New Day AA Group	Friday
Tuesday	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

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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