

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



June 22, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 22, 2025

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium"* Lester H. Groom
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 to you this day,
with burdens and worries in our hearts.

People: Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.

Leader: We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.

People: Lord, calm our fears and help us place our trust in you.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant and without limit.

People: Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always.

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

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Who Provides, we often boast of our devotion, claiming to be zealous in your service. Yet, when trials arise and the path grows difficult, fear too easily overtakes us, and we retreat. We humbly confess that we abandon you too readily becoming distracted by clamor and chaos. We fail to perceive your presence around us and are deaf to the whisper of your grace.

Forgive us these shortcomings, we pray. Help us to persevere with an unwavering faith. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let go of the chains that bind you in sorrow.

People: Christ has broken those bands and reaches to us in love.

Leader: Receive with joy God's blessings and grace.

People: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are made free. Amen.

*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)

Give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture;
give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that
surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:1-16

*Now there was a great wind,
so strong that it was splitting mountains
and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord,
but the Lord was not in the wind,
and after the wind an earthquake,
but the Lord was not in the earthquake,
and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire,
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Prayer to the Trinity

Michael Bedford

Come, come, O God of heaven, Live within our hearts today;

Come, come, O God of heaven, Hear, O hear us as we pray.

Come, come, O gracious Savior, Stay within our hearts today;

Come, come, O gracious Savior, Hear, O hear us as we pray.

O, be near us, love and cheer us With your blessing from above;

Ever guide us, walk beside us, As we seek to share your love.

Come, come, O Holy Spirit, Shine within our hearts today;

Come, come, O Holy Spirit, Hear, O hear us as we pray.

Come, come, O God of heaven, Live within our hearts today;

Come, come, O God of heaven, Hear, O hear us as we pray. Amen.

SERMON

End of the Line

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 394 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM CONFESSION OF 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Adoration

Gilbert M. Martin

*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. 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* James D. Thompson

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

ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY: Have you installed our new Online Photo Directory yet? Do it now! Download "Instant Church Directory" and input your photo and information. If you have any questions contact the church office.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be today. FPC Lebanon is a covenant partner with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's Hunger Program through the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering. All monies collected are used to support local hunger programs and to help fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. 30% of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area.



SHERRY'S RUN – The 22nd annual Sherry's Run will be held Saturday, September 13 and registration is open. If you would like to participate, please register online at sherrysrun.org. At the end of the registration form choose to join a team. Our team's name is First Presbyterian Church Lebanon. Hope to see you there!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. New Day Group

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. NO Choir Practice

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday

Saturday

6:00 p.m. Youth Worship

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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