

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 13, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Van D. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sarabande from Suite 1* J. S Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress.
How shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We answer by being the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion at every opportunity.

***HYMN NO. 457** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON
(vss. 1, 4, & 5)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Endless Compassion, across this globe, innocent lives are wrecked by the whims of the wicked. Meanwhile, our ears are indifferent to the cries of those in pain. We confess that we shield ourselves from the suffering of others. We ignore the pleas of our neighbors and brush past those in need. Our silence has allowed injustice to thrive.

Forgive us, we pray. Turn us from our sinful ways and guide us toward your sacred path of mercy and healing. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not pass us by. Christ stops, heals, and restores. In mercy, we are made whole.

People: We receive this grace and walk in newness of life.

Leader: Go and do likewise—live with compassion, love, and bold mercy.

People: Forgiven and free, we go as neighbors in Christ.

***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)

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

*Which of these three, do you think,
was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Por ti Volare

Francesco Sartori

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

Breaking Boundaries

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

***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

OFFERTORY *It Is Well with My Soul* H. Spalford and P. Bliss

***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. 426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Fanfare on "National Hymn"*

Stanley E. Saxton

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

WE WELCOME cellist **Deidre Emerson** to our worship service today. Deidre is Professor of Cello at Tennessee State University and teaches at Nashville State Community College and Trevecca Nazarene University. She received her Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance from Birmingham Southern College and her Master's Degree in Cello Performance from the University of Houston.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Eleanor Elizabeth Howell** by her family.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Jack and Robin Emmert on the death Jack's great-grandson, Rhett Shelton, on July 8 in Bland, Virginia.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Ladies of the church are invited to meet together for food and fellowship at our **First Faithful Females Night** on Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Bring a sack dinner and join us as we gather for great fellowship.

LADIES' BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift and a friend and join the fun.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
9:00 a.m. Worship	Thursday
10:00 a.m. Church School	5:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Monday	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

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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