

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



August 31, 2025

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 2

Clara Wieck Schumann

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: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

People: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

Leader: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

People: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

People: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude.

*HYMN NO. 489 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God above all gods, you are clear and pure and the sustainer of life. You are the living water flowing through our lives. Yet, we confess that we reject you and choose to drink stale water from stagnant bogs.

You are faithful and just. You are the true God.

Yet, we confess that we are drawn to the emptiness of idols and seek out false gods that are not gods.

Forgive us, we pray and lead us back to the surety of your holy embrace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God alone has the authority to judge, and by the
grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are
forgiven of all our sin.

People: 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)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may
believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and
obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2:4-13

*For my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

*Date abbiento al mio dolore
(Give Relief to My Sorrow)*

Stefano Donaudy

*Give relief to my sorrow, dear disdainful eyes,
Because one look of yours put sweet pains into my heart.
By the pains of love you know, dear eyes,
What it is worth to be miserly of a single adoring look.
Give relief to my sorrow!...*

SERMON

Cracked Cisterns and Living Waters

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 282 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Paul Manz

*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

(Traditional) Hymnal Page 16

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Sortie

Cesar Franck

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

Annual Churchwide Picnic

Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date! The annual church picnic will be held at Don Fox Community Park in 2 weeks on September 17. Bring your favorite picnic side; the church will provide chicken, drinks, paper goods, and serving utensils.

PRESCHOOL KICKS OFF NEW YEAR: FPC welcomes all of our Preschool students. School began on Tuesday, August 19 with "Meet Your Teacher." The returning teachers are Tammy Manning, Pattie Netherton, and Kaitlyn Touchstone. Angela Belcher is the director. The school has openings in the 3 and 4-year-old classes this fall. Please call the church office for more information.



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!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER — We are a little over one month away from our 8th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,152 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We must raise \$4,263.84 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is appreciated.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning on September 24.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

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

Monday

Office Closed

6:00 p.m. New Day Group

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Brown Bag
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Friday

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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