

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 20, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Liebster Jesu"* Robert Graham
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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Van Turner

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

People: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

Leader: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

People: Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

Leader: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

People: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us.

*HYMN NO. 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion,

You are the source of all that we have and all that we are.

And yet we choose to flee from your presence and live apart from you. We confess that we have sinned before heaven and before you. We are self-absorbed and lead lives that do not honor you. We waste what you provide. Forgive us, we pray. Help us understand that we always belong to you.

Lead us back into your welcoming embrace and make us new.

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? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*KYRIE

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 of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11-24

*Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found!*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Serenade

Frank Schubert

SERMON

In God We Trust: The Lost Son Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 280

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*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

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninov

*DOXOLOGY

*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. 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Postlude on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Max Reger

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

October 23, 6:00 p.m.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sides, Dessert

To make a reservation, please call the church office at (615) 444-1360 by Tuesday.

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.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun!

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fourth community Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., and we need your help. We are looking for haints, wraiths, ghouls, and specters who are willing to host "trunks" – people who decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy in our parking lot. To volunteer, please contact Kristy in the office. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off in the church office.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:45 a.m.	Congregational Mt	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Nancy Boyd
Jack Emmert
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail

DIACONATE

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt
Congregational Care – Nancy Boyd
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail
Personnel – Jack Emmert
Worship – 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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