

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 27, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Minor

James Mansfield

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: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

People: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

People: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Leader: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

People: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

*HYMN NO. 414 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Mercy,

You care for us even when we turn our backs on you.

We acknowledge our jealousy when we perceive others as receiving more than their fair share. We admit to anger when we believe your love for them outweighs your love for us. We confess our failure to rejoice in the blessings of others and our inability to fully recognize your compassionate presence in this world.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to cultivate hearts of generosity plus the ability to accept your loving embrace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

by John Calvin

Leader: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

People: Hear and believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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 the ages,
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 15:25-32

Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

God of the Ages

Pepper Choplin

SERMON

*In God We Trust:
The Lost Brother*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 422 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

*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 *Meditation on "Amazing Grace"* Traditional

*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.*

DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 307 *Fight the Good Fight* DUKE STREET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Maestoso* David H. Hegarty

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 30, 6:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

The church will provide the chicken. Bring your favorite dish, a friend, and wear your costume. Come join the fun!

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fourth community Trunk or Treat today from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Stop by and hang out. We have at least 8 “trunks” signed up (but it’s not too late for a couple more).

ALL SAINTS – Next Sunday, November 3, during worship, we will remember through prayer and song those members of our church who have died in the past year as well as all the saints in our lives. Please contact the church office with the names of the saints that you would like to honor regardless of when they may have died.

VETERANS DAY – Veterans Day is November 11. In recognition of that day, on Sunday, November 10, we will honor our veterans in prayer. Please contact the church office with the names of the veterans that you would like to honor that day so their names can be included in the bulletin.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope. A portion of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.

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
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Trunk and Treat	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
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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