

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON



ALL SAINTS' DAY



November 3, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*All Saints Sunday*

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*At the Elevation*

Gilbert M. Martin

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

Margaret Ann Trail

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 24*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is the King of glory?

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

\*HYMN NO. 361 *How Firm a Foundation! (vss. 1, 2, 3)* FOUNDATION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*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 holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age.  
As we hear your word today and as we rejoice in the faith of  
your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness  
and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

*See, I am making all things new.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Stan Pethel

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!  
Fairest Lord Jesus, Amen.*

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

*Being a Christian in an Election Season*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 508 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

\*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**

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*O Sacred Head*

Johann Pachelbel

**\*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.*

**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS**

*(see insert)*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**SANCTUS**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN No. 526**

*For All the Saints*  
*(vss. 1, 2, 3)*

SINE NOMINE

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

*From earth's wide bounds, from oceans's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*God Is Ascended*

George Blake

## 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

November 6, 6:00 p.m.

*Meatloaf, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Spice Cake*

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

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THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Mickey and Jim Stueck on the death of Mickey's sister, Susan Kathleen Detwiler, on October 31 in Texas.

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.

INQUIRER'S CLASS - An Inquirers Class for those interested in joining the church will be offered by Sherard Edington starting November 17. Classes will be held on Sundays during the Sunday School hour on November 17, 24, and December 8. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office. The class will meet in the Session Room (off the Fellowship Hall). The class is a wonderful way to learn about the church and meet new folks. Everyone is welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to help spruce up the Annex on Saturday, November 2, as we prepare for the upcoming season of Compassionate Hands.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Thursday</b>	
12:15 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
<b>Monday</b>		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		

## 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 –  
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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