

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



November 10, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Prologue

Walker Baylor

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

from Psalm 127

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

People: Those who build it labor in vain.

Leader: Unless the Lord guards the city,

People: The guard keeps watch in vain.

Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

People: For he gives sleep to his beloved.

*HYMN NO. 288 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy and might, enable us to confess our sins with pure motives and contrite hearts. We confess that we have journeyed down paths you did not choose. We admit that we desire to be seen with the right people, in the best places, and wearing the finest clothes. We pursue honor and respect in place of humility. We give when it is convenient and serve when it is comfortable. Forgive us when we have turned our back on you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and through grace gives us eternal comfort and hope. Friends, hear the good news:

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

* 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.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Lone, Wild Bird

Ruth Elaine Schram

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.*

*Each secret thought is known to you, the path I walk my whole life through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears, my deepest joys, my silent tears.*

*The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark deep, and far off land.
And I am yours! I rest in you. Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.
Great Spirit, come and rest in me, too.*

SERMON

The Widow's Might

Rev. Stacy Rector

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 391

Take My Life

HENDON

*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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Jesus Is All the World to Me

Gilbert Martin

*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. 555

Now Thank We All Our God

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

In Memoriam

Josef Rheinberger

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.

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 13, 6:00 p.m.

Chili Cookoff

Please fill out the bulletin insert and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Sherard will lead Bible study following the meal.

WE WELCOME the Rev. Stacy Rector to the pulpit today. Stacy is the Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, and a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She also currently serves on the Peacemaking and Outreach committees for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and on the board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

Rev. Edington has been on Study Leave this week. He will return to the office on Monday.

COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL – FPC will prepare and serve food on November 11 for the unhoused guests at Compassionate Hands.

THE DEDICATION OF FPC'S COLUMBARIUM will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. The Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting. We hope everyone can attend.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, November 16, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office at (615) 444-1360.

YOUTH

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

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
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	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	
10:00 a.m.	Columbarium Ded.		

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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