

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 14, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2024 *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 139

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made. Wonderful are your works.

People: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

Leader: I try to count them—they are more than the sand.

People: Let us worship God!

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

CWM RHONDDA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of New Life: as people of faith, we struggle each day to
do right by you. But we confess that too often we veer onto
the wrong path. You call us to follow you, but we choose to
sin against you as we defile ourselves.

We misuse our bodies as we foul our souls.

Forgive us our sins. Help us to bend the course of our faith
back toward you. Help us to bring glory to you in every
moment of our lives. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting
to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be
at peace.

People: Indeed, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*For you were bought with a price;
therefore glorify God in your body*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

Hal H. Hopson

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of woe shall not you overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
The soul that flees to me for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to the foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"*

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SERMON

Faith Refracted: 1 Glorify Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 366 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* William H. Doane

*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. 391 *Take My Life (vss. 1, 2, 5, 6)* HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* William H. Doane

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

January 17, 6:00 p.m.

Soup Cook-off

Please see bulletin insert.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, January 20, at 8:00 a.m. To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR 2024 - If you would like to provide a flower arrangement in memory of or in honor of loved ones for a particular Sunday in 2024, please contact Kristy in the church office.

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING CHURCH OFFICERS

Our most sincere thanks go to the following officers who will complete their terms of service this month. Your work is deeply appreciated.

ELDERS – Max Carter, David Foutch, Frank Reeves

DEACONS – Margaret Carroll, Carol Benson, Mark Fain,
Patricia Hatcher

NEW OFFICERS - Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of the new class of church officers.

(* Indicates that the person is to be ordained.)

RULING ELDERS: Max Carter, Nancy Boyd, Frank Reeves,

*Margaret Ann Trail, Carol Hill

DEACONS: Melissa Cassetty, *Karen Hunter-Lowery, *Jim Murff

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Sherard 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
5:00 p.m.	Combined Officer Meeting	Thursday	
		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

SESSION

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch

Class of 2024
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert

DIACONATE

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Anne Donnell
Jim Stueck

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt
Personnel –
Worship –

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
Nursery – Sara Chaney
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Elementary Class and	Faith Builders Class
Middle- High School Class	Westminster Class

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Expenses	Income
November	\$23,760.56	\$16,232.19
YTD	\$293,969.90	\$289,096.62
	Last Week's Offering	\$2,893.00