

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 21, 2024



*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
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\*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 7:29-31

*For the present form of this world is passing away.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

*This Is Amazing Grace*

arr. Phil Wickam

*Who breaks the power Of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty And so much stronger  
The King of Glory*

*The King above all kings*

*Who shakes the whole Earth With holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless In awe and wonder*

*The King of Glory*

*The King above all kings*

*This is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for All that You've done for me*

*Who brings our chaos Back into order*

*Who makes the orphan A son and daughter*

*The King of Glory*

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*Who rules the nations With truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in All of its brilliance*

*The King of Glory*

*The King above all kings*

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SERMON

*Faith Refracted: Testify*

Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*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 ever lasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Pavane*

Gilbert M. 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. 388

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Festive Finale*

Walker Baylor

## 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 24, 6:00 p.m.

*Soup Cook Off*

See bulletin insert

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Lydia McVicker by her sister Nancy Boyd.

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

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.

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

PLEASE WELCOME from the New Covenant Community worship, Worship Leader Natalie Loader, as well as Dave and Liz Chitty.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Sherard is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Thursday	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool		
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		
Wednesday			
6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal		
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice		
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study		

## 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
December	\$39,592.74	\$38,136.07
YTD	\$333,584.44	\$327,234.89
	Last Week's Offering	\$6,892.00