

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 28, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Little Prelude in G Minor* Paul Taylor

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is calling you as disciples.

People: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

Leader: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

People: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Leader: Listen for Christ's call to you.

People: We are ready to serve the Lord.

We are ready to worship the Lord.

*HYMN NO. 487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Life, you are our creator and our Lord.

You are the one for whom we exist,

and yet, too often, we prioritize ourselves over you.

You call us to live in community,

but in our arrogance, we ignore the impact we have on others
and cause them to stumble.

Forgive us our sins, we pray. Help us be mindful for all. Guide
us to build up our sisters and brothers in their faith. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Quiet your hearts, for God speaks to us with love.

Rest your spirits, for God surrounds us with peace.

Open your lives, for God is with us always.

Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen!

*KYRIE

No. 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***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 8:1-13

*Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary
knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O Lamb of God Most Holy

Sandra Gay

*O Lamb of God most Holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
So patient still and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Your peace be with us, Jesus.*

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

SERMON

Faith Refracted: Edify

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

***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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Elevation

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.*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PROPOUNDING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

TO THE OFFICERS

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept *Max, Frank, Nancy, Margaret, Carol, Karen, Melissa, and Jim* as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 357** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress

David Cherwien

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

January 31, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Covered Dish

Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

Rev. Edington will lead a Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

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 today.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11



Each Sunday between now and the big game on February 11, you are asked to bring a donation of canned food for our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive**. This drive collects food for the Wilson County Community Help Center.

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
9:00 a.m. NCC Worship	5:00 p.m. Sabbatical Comm.
10:00 a.m. Church School	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
10:40 a.m. Called Session Mtg	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
11:00 a.m. Worship	6:30 p.m. Bible Study
12:15 p.m. Called Session Mtg	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
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group	

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	\$2,344.00