

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



SCOUT SUNDAY

February 4, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Adoration

Gilbert M. Martin

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.

People: We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.

Leader: God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.

People: Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.

Leader: Praise be to God who has called us here.

People: Thanks be to God for God's eternal love.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of trust, we have been baptized with a divine purpose and ordained to tackle specific tasks in this world.

But we confess that while your call rings in our hearts, we often choose not to answer. We prefer to place our self-serving interests above the needs of others.

We opt to go it alone and pursue our own rewards.

Forgive us our sins. Help us become obedient servants heeding your call and ministering to all your creation. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls.
The demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy
are being cast out. New life is offered to us.
Rejoice! Be Glad!

People: God's love is poured out to us this day.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*KYRIE

No. 572

*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)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessing.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ANTHEM*What Wondrous Love Is This*

John S. Dixon

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the heavy cross for my soul?*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside this crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.*

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES**SERMON***Faith Refracted: Testify*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE***HYMN NO. 505** *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

ST. FLAVIAN

***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**OFFERTORY***In Christ There Is No East or West*

Stewart London

***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.*

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. 411 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

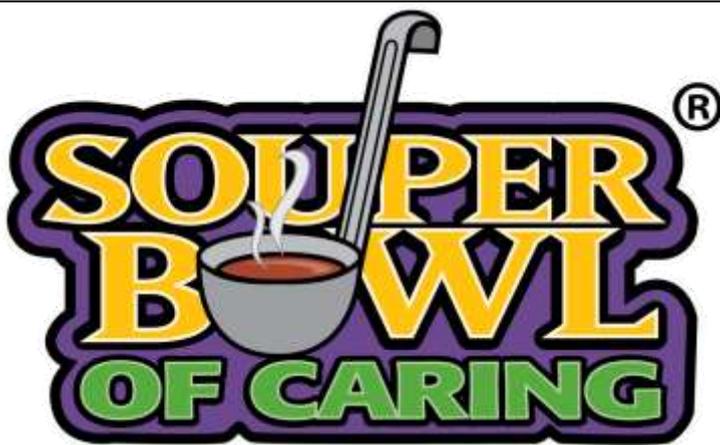
FESTAL SONG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

James Denton



Please Bring your canned food and monetary donations
for our Souper Bowl collection on Sunday, February 11.

All donations go to support the work of the Wilson
County Community Help Center.

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

February 7, 6:00 p.m.

Gumbo, Potato Salad, King Cake

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

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY – Please welcome the Scouts, leaders, and families of Troop 434 today as we celebrate Boy Scout Sunday.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Nancy Gebhardt on the death of her husband, **George Gebhardt**, on January 28. George and Nancy have been members of FPC for 54 years.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of George Gebhardt given by Nancy Gebhardt and family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jasmine and Nathan Shelton on the birth of their son, Rhett Myles on January 30 in Bland, Virginia. Jack Emmert is the proud great-grandfather.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on February 11 at 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and hear the Annual Statistical Report.

DEACONS' CHILI MEAL – The Annual Deacons' Chili Day will be Wednesday, February 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and can be purchased from any Deacon or the church office. Carry-out boxes will be available. Beef, turkey, and vegetarian chili will be served as well as drinks and dessert.

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	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
10:00 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.	Deacons' Meeting	Thursday	
Monday		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	
4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group		

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Nancy Boyd
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
Anne Donnell
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

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
Nursery
Elementary Class and
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders 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	\$2,623.00