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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 6, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Recitative and Chorale*

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nancy Gebhardt  
Margaret Ann Trail

## CHORAL INTROIT

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

Leader: We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

People: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.

People: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN NO. 220 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDTH

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Joy,

We pride ourselves on our righteousness and our adherence to your sacred commands. Yet, we acknowledge that we are sinners and are hesitant in our confessions. We struggle to repent and too often stray into the wilderness of transgressions. Forgive us, we pray. Seek us out and save us. Help us to welcome all people into your fold with open hearts. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said, "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy—gifts that lead to new life!

People: This is the good news indeed. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

## \*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)

As we encounter your Holy Word, O God, open our hearts to trust in your guidance. Illuminate our minds with your wisdom and help us to rely on your steadfast love. Strengthen our faith and lead us in your truth. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7

*Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

*Wondrous Love*

arr. Eric H. Thiman

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this, That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
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 Who is the great I Am,*

*While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

### SERMON

*In God We Trust:* Rev. Sherard Edington  
*The Lost Sheep*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 275

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

\*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

*A Theme of Consecration*

Robert W. Thygerson

\*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. 298

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Episode on "Dunlap's Creek"*

David Paxton

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ. As we partake of Holy Communion, we remember all our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace & Global Mission Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

## 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

There will be no **Wednesday Fellowship Meal** on Wednesday, October 9, due to Fall Break. Meals will resume on October 16.

**HURRICANE HELENE RESPONSE** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has sent team members to Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Please continue praying for everyone affected and responding. Gifts to support this response can be made to the church.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** – Our **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event** is this Saturday. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy location. Everyone will don their hairnets at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We have raised \$3,415.00 toward our goal of \$4,263.84 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** will be received today. A gift to this special offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

**COMPASSIONATE HANDS MEAL** – FPC will prepare and serve food on October 7 for the unhoused guests at Compassionate Hands.

## YOUTH

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

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	NCC Worship	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Comm
10:00 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day AA Group	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
		<b>Saturday</b>	
		9:00 a.m.	Rise Against Hunger Event

## 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  
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 – Nancy Boyd  
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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