

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



January 9, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 9, 2022

Baptism Sunday

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Creator of the Cosmos,

People: Whose gentle breathe casts out chaos and calls all beings good;

Leader: Blessed be Jesus, the Christ,

People: Who emptied himself and entered our neighborhoods, so that all may receive mercy and grace.

Leader: Blessed be the Spirit, the eternal Shalom,

People: Who remains in us each day anew, crying for justice and delivering peace.

*HYMN NO. 325 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

BRINGET EHR'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Warm and Nurturing God, you demand that we love you with heart, mind, and soul, yet we cherish wealth and status.

You call us to love neighbor and stranger like we love ourselves, yet we divide and discriminate. You ask that we see your image in all whom we encounter, yet we loathe difference and sow hate. You call us to justice, yet we cling to corruption.

May the wind of your Spirit wash over us that we may be forgiven and renewed, so that we may join in the mission of Christ, who desires that all may live with dignity and in peace. Amen!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

People: Alleluia and Amen!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of our Ancestors, Eternal Hope:
Open our hearts to your ancient wisdom,
That in hearing your word, we may
Rejoice in the promise of the Living One
And pour out love to all in our midst;
We ask all these things in the name of the one who
Redeems, Creates, and Sustains, one God, Mother of us all.
Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:5-16, 46:3-4

ANTHEM

Come to Me, All Who Labour

David Halls

*Come to me, come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
Come to me, come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
Come to me, come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest. And I will give you rest.
Give you rest. And I will give you rest. And I will give you rest.
Give you rest, Give you rest.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Rev. Sherard Edington

SERMON

Is God a Man?

Michael Schulte

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 135** *God Is One, Unique and Holy*

TRINITY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, the Source of Life, whose voice orders the universe, whose eyes see the oppressed, whose mighty hand delivers humanity from chaos and suffering.

We believe in Jesus, the Source of Hope, who, born of a woman, took on human flesh to serve the poor and heal the sick, who was tortured by empire and nailed to a tree, who died and descended to dust, whose story did not end in suffering, but in resurrection and eternal life, who returned to the Holy One, until the reign of God abounds on earth and in heaven.

We believe in the Spirit, the Source of Comfort, who burns in our hearts like tongues of fire, who grants us thoughts which chase mercy, hearts which seek kinship, and words which do justice, who reminds us that God is with us always, here and forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 272

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES –

Key Terms Referenced in Today's Sermon

Expansive Language is defined as language about/for God that "seeks to tell us as much truth about God as we can, utilizing the full range of language available to us. It does not displace traditional language for God but uses additional metaphors."

Inclusive Language is defined as language about/for humanity recognizing that "our language often has built-in biases that exclude and harm some persons. When exclusive language is used, we fall short of our calling to respect all who are created in the image of God."

Definitions taken from "Expansive and Inclusive Language Guidelines" by The Taskforce on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision of the U.S. Episcopal Church.

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 12, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.
Join us for great food and fellowship.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PIANIST, MELODY MOSELY. Melody is a pianist and mezzo-soprano, who currently resides in Old Hickory with her husband Adam and their daughters, Lucy and Ellie. A graduate of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia, Melody teaches elementary music at Una Elementary School in Nashville.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Phil Watson and family on the death of his wife, Lyse Watson, on January 3. Lyse was the preschool teacher for the 3-year-old class for 24 years. A celebration of life will be held at Christian Life Chapel on January 15 at 1:30 p.m. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – First Presbyterian Women of the Church will gather on Monday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your calendars and ideas as we organize and plan for the remainder of the year, along with a sandwich/salad for your lunch. Drinks, snacks, and dessert will be provided. Friends are always welcome.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for health and well-being for Patsy Barnes, Betty Crosslin, George Gebhardt, Ida Mason, Lydia McVicker, Larry Nickelson, Gould Smith Jr., and Allen Vance.

Prayers for those who are homebound or distanced due to the pandemic: Carolyn Beard, Pat Climer, Anne Donnell, Rachel Low, and Lois Ann Wauford.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will resume on January 12.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
5:00 p.m.	Combined Officer Meeting	Thursday	
		9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday		6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
		Saturday	

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist –
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle- High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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