

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
LEBANON

SECOND  
*Sunday*  
IN **LENT**  


*March 17, 2019*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

### SILENT MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

*Lento (Trio in Sonata 6)*

J.S. Bach

#### CHIMING THE HOUR

### CHORAL INTROIT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 27*

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**People: Whom shall I fear?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**People: Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life.**

#### HYMN NO. 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of Covenant and Love,

You stand with us through thick and thin,  
through light and darkness.

Yet, we confess that our faith in you is weak.

We do not always believe and we are skeptical of your  
promises.

We think only of ourselves.

We find it difficult to live in relation with you.

Forgive our weakness and unbelief. May we always be your  
covenant people. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love dries our tears;

**People: God's forgiveness picks us up;**

Leader: God's peace embraces us.

**People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,  
And 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!*

**\*THE PEACE**

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

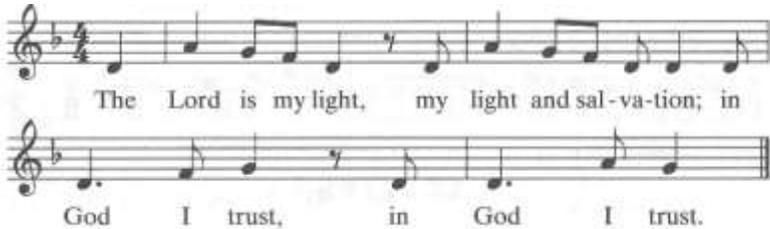
## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)**

Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs of the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANTIPHONAL PSALM RESPONSE**

Psalm 27



*The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?*

*When evil ones draw near to devour my flesh, they are the ones who waver and fall. Through an army camp against me, my heart will not fear; though war rage against me, my trust will still be firm.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-8

*God brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."*

**ANTHEM**

*The God of Abr'am Praise*

Hal Hopson

*The God of Abr'am praise, sing praises to God's name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears;  
the First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!  
God's spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;  
God spoke of old in prophet's word; that word speaks still.  
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep written on the human heart, in every land..  
God has eternal life implanted in the soul;  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
All praise the living God! All laud that hallowed name,  
who was, and is, and ever shall be still the same!*

## TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON *Life in Christ: Life in Covenant* Rev. Sherard Edington

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* 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 *Supplication* ALEXANDER SCHREINER

#### \*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

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### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* LEONI

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Fantasia in A minor* J.S. Bach

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 20, 6:00 p.m.

*Covered Dish (chicken will be provided)*

Bring your favorite dish and join the fellowship.

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

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**FPC BASKETBALL CHALLENGE** begins today. Everyone is invited to submit their bracket before the first game on Tuesday. Your bracket can be created at [fpclebanon.mayhem.cbssports.com](http://fpclebanon.mayhem.cbssports.com)

**ORGAN CONCERT** featuring J.D. Plant and the Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Branson Clark will be held on today at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

**SERMON SERIES** – Today is the first of a 6-part Lenten Sermon Series called *Life in Christ*. Through the scripture readings for Lent and Easter, we will explore what it means to live our lives with Christ.

**INQUIRERS CLASS** – Rev. Edington will lead a class for anyone interested in exploring membership in the church. The 3 classes will begin March 24 and will be held during the Sunday School hour. For more information and to sign up, please contact the church office.

**MAKE LENT 40 DAYS OF GIVING** – In observance of Lent, the congregation is invited to participate in the Lenten Challenge. It is very simple. Beginning on March 6th, remove one item from your home and put it into a bag and offer a prayer of thankfulness. Do this every day during Lent, and then on Easter bring your bag to the church. All bags and contents will be delivered to the Wilson County Help Center. Large, heavy-duty plastic bags and instructions are available at the church. Make this part of your Lenten discipleship.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

### Friday

### Saturday

## ELDERS

### Class of 2019

Jeff Campbell  
David Foutch  
Carol Turner  
Scott Williams

### Class of 2020

Pat Bone  
Dee Lineberger  
Robin Orewiler  
Wayne Patton

### Class of 2021

Suanne Bone  
Don Goodwin  
Adrienne Johnson  
David Howell

## DIACONATE

### Class of 2019

Jonathan Bouton  
Mary Margaret Farris  
Sandra Weatherford  
Blair Welser

### Class of 2020

Sondra Bishop  
Linda Gatlin

### Class of 2021

Becky Harm  
Lee Lyle  
Sandra Patton  
Emily Peyton

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell

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Budget & Finance – Dee Lineberger

Buildings and Grounds – David Foutch

Christian Education – Wayne Patton

Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson

Outreach – Robin Orewiler

Personnel – Jeff Campbell

Worship – Carol Turner

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation

Pastor – Sherard Edington

Director of Music – Branson Clark

Organist – JD Plant

Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

Nursery – Sara Brown, Kayla McClanahan

Custodians – Richard and Donna Morales

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### Children

Nursery

Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Elementary Class

Middle School Class

High School Class

### Adult

Atypical Class

Cross Roads Class

Faith Builders Class

Westminster Class

Women's Class

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