

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Were You There?

Dale Wood

Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!

Robert J. Hughes

WORDS OF GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CHIMING THE HOUR

THE PROMISE

Isaiah 25:6-9

CHORAL INTROIT

Hosanna!

Karle Erickson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become
the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our
eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN NO. 123 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who
mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and
indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse
the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to
change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy
of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls!
Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out
for us all.

People: Let us rejoice. We have been saved through the
wonderful gift of our savior.

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.

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads

Victor C. Johnson

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up ye ancient doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of glory? The Lord of God who is strong and mighty;
the Lord who is great in battle, He is our God!*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up ye ancient doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds
and kindle our hearts that in the reading of the scriptures we
may hear your word of promise and joy. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord,"
and she told them that he had said these things to her.*

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

*Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.*

TIME FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

EASTER SERMON

Sabbath Rest

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*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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Gilbert M. Martin

Toccata on "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

(Traditional) Hymnal Page 16

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock

Gilbert M. Martin

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

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

April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Chicken & Rice, Green Beans Almandine, Salad, Carrot Cake

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

PASTOR SHERARD EDINGTON will begin his three-month sabbatical tomorrow and will return on July 8. During this essential time of renewal, Rev. Warner Durnell will preach and serve as moderator of the Session. Please direct any needs or concerns to the church office.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. FPC Lebanon is a covenant partner with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's Hunger Program through the 4-Cents-A-Meal offering. We invite every member to contribute a few cents for every meal as an expression of thanks for what we have received. All monies collected are used to support local hunger programs and to help fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee. The 4 Cents-a-Meal offering is received on the fourth Sunday of each month. 30% of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area.

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	Office Closed	
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Monday		Thursday	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Friday	
		Saturday	

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
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
February	\$22,477.22	\$18,194.63
YTD	\$52,108.16	\$33,071.06
	Last Week's Offering	\$2,716.00