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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



April 24, 2022

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Just As I Am*

Van Denman Thompson

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 150*

Leader: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

Leader: Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

People: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

People: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: PRAISE THE LORD!

\*HYMN NO. 122

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of our Ancestors, you sent us your only son to walk with us as our savior. Somehow, we neglect to exalt him as we should. We confess that we are selfish and place our own wants ahead of others. We ignore our neighbors and fail to obey your Word. We witness miracles but remain captive to our doubts and fears. Forgive us our sins and help us boldly confess Jesus as our Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord."

Leader: God has opened those gates and offers us salvation.

People: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

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\* 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)**

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in  
faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will  
and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our  
Savior. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 5:27-32

*And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God  
has given to those who obey him."*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Simon Andrews

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green,  
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain.  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

Children are invited to come forward

**SERMON**

Rev. Sherard Edington

*The Church of the Resurrection: Confessing Christ*

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 324 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

\*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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*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

David Hegarty

\*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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## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Noontide*

Walker Baylor

## 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 27, 6:00 p.m.

*Casserole Cookoff*

Bring your favorite casserole and join the fellowship.

We will welcome Professor Rachel Heath to deliver a lecture on fostering interfaith dialogue. Professor Heath is a PhD candidate and a Theology and Practice Fellow in the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Grace and Nick Lawson on the birth of their son, Carter Lawson, on April 18. Proud grandparents are Doug and Laura Bone and proud great-grandparents are Stratton and Marty Bone.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – First Presbyterian Women of the Church will gather at Sammy B's for lunch (Dutch treat) on Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will take place in a first floor room (Cadet). Please RSVP to the church office at 615-444-1360 by Wednesday, May 11.

**WAR IN UKRAINE** – As the war continues in Ukraine, we are invited to join **The Outreach Foundation** of the Presbyterian Church USA in prayer for anyone in harm's way: those who are fighting against the invasion as well as those who are sheltering in place or fleeing to safe havens outside of their country. A special offering will be received today to support The Outreach Foundation's work with churches that are working with refugees and those staying in the country.

## YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)** – Join us Wednesday for the Food Olympics. Bring your appetite and prepare to get messy. There will be whipped cream, marshmallows, and maybe even an ice cream sundae built on someone's face. Dinner will also be provided. Feel free to bring a friend. You will not want to miss this fun event.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Today

8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Personnel mtg

### Monday

### Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:30 p.m. Speaker Series  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Preschool  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

### Friday

### Saturday

## ELDERS

Class of 2022  
Jessica Fain  
Mickey Stueck  
Pat Bone  
Lee Lyle

Class of 2023  
Max Carter  
Frank Reeves  
David Foutch  
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024  
Jackie Cowden  
Tracey Hay

## DIACONATE

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

Class of 2023  
Margaret Carroll  
Mark Fain  
Carol Benson  
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024  
Jonathan Bouton  
Carol Turner  
Van Turner  
Sandra Weatherford

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler  
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves  
Buildings and Grounds – Tracey Hay  
Christian Education – Max Carter  
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck  
Outreach – Jessica Fain  
Personnel – Jackie Cowden  
Worship – Wayne Patton

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation  
Pastor – Sherard Edington  
Director of Music – Branson Clark  
Organist – Darryl Nettles  
Keyboards – Jonathan Snow  
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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Elementary Class  
Middle- High School Class

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

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