

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



May 15, 2022

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *St. Anthony! Chorale* Franz Joseph Haydn

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Revelation 21:1-6*

Leader: Friends, the house of God is among mortals.
God dwells with us here.

People: We are God's people and God is with us here!

Leader: God promises to wipe away every tear from your eyes; God promises to destroy death and pain.

People: We are God's people and God is with us here!

Leader: God is the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,
the one who promises to make all things new.

People: We are God's people and God is with us here!

***HYMN NO. 115** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

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. Empower us to join in the mission of Christ, who desires that all might 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.

A MOMENT OF FAREWELL AND APPRECIATION

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

Acts 11:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Roland E. Martin

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

Michael Schulte

*The Church of the Resurrection:
Listening for God's Continuing Revelation*

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 307

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A Short Creed” by M. Schulte

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

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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Lani Smith

*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. 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Stephen Heller

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

May 18, 6:00 p.m.

Annual Fish Fry

The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held outside (weather permitting.) The cost of the meal is \$5.00.

Don't miss this delightful event. Please call the church office at 615-444-1360 to make your reservation.

SPRING SPEAKERS SERIES – Dr. Bruce Rogers-Vaughn will deliver a lecture entitled “Caring for Souls in a Neoliberal Age” on Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All the ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. The event is hosted by Robin Emmert. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 8:00 a.m. Please bring something that is a hobby or an interest that you can share. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth and their families are also invited to attend FPC's Annual Fish Fry on Wednesday, May 18.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Annual Fish Fry
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Thursday	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	9:45 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Speaker Series	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Monday		6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
7:00 p.m.	Bingo Night	Friday	
Tuesday		Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

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	Adult
Nursery	Crossroads Class
Preschool – 1 st Grade	Faith Builders Class
Elementary Class	Westminster Class
Middle- High School Class	Women's Class

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