

FIRST



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



July 30, 2023

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we are forgiven. Alleluia and Amen!

*KYRIE

No. 572

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*THE PEACE

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper,
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may be led into your truth and taught your will,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-22

*How awesome is this place!
This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven."*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "*La Calma*" from *Collectici Intim*

Vicente Asencio

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON

The Gate of Heaven Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

*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 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* Dale Wood

*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.

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 391 *Take My Life* HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Don Hustad

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.

📶 For WiFi access go to FPC_CONNECT and enter password 6154441360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME guitarist Dr. Richard Todd to our worship service today. Dr. Todd maintains an active performing career having played at numerous national and international festivals throughout the U.S, Italy, Slovenia, and Canada. Soundboard Magazine has described his playing as "subtly brilliant," displaying "rich tone, effortless phrasing and a masterful use of silence." The Fort Worth Star-Telegram noted his playing for its "considerable energy and impressive virtuosity." He serves as Associate Professor of Music at Tennessee State University. He also serves as President of Classical Guitar Nashville (www.classicalguitarnashville.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering guitar artistry, outreach and education in the Greater Nashville area.

WORSHIP AND LUNCH – On Sunday, August 6, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Dress casually. Sunday School will meet at 9:00 a.m.

Compassionate Hands
Bucks are Back!!!!
\$15 Value for \$10
(\$7.50 off Demos in Lebanon & \$7.50 off PDK in Providence)
On sale July 1-31, redeem August 1-31
Available at these Locations:
Wilson Bank & Trust - Wilson Cty branches
Local Partner Churches
Center of Hope & Renewal (214 N. College St.)

Demos RESTAURANT
WILSON Bank & Trust
PDK SOUTHERN KITCHEN PANTRY

For more info on tickets, contact Shelia Weathers
shelia.weathers@compassionatehandstn.org.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –will meet on August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday	
Monday		6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
6:00 p.m.	New Day (AA)	Friday	
Tuesday		6:00 p.m.	AA Group (Annex)
		Saturday	

SESSION

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves
David Foutch
Wayne Patton

Class of 2024
Jackie Cowden
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert

DIACONATE

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll
Mark Fain
Carol Benson
Pat Hatcher

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Anne Donnell
Jim Stueck

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Nancy Gebhardt
Personnel – Jackie Cowden
Worship – Wayne Patton

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
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
June	\$27,693.30	\$23,155.00
YTD	\$152,370.53	\$172,999.17
	Last Week's Offering	\$1,455.00