

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

As we gather in this holy space, let us be mindful of everyone here as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God. Draw upon the organ prelude as your time of reflection.

PRELUDE

Adagio

Julius Reubke

In the Multitude of the Sorrows that I Had in My Heart: Thy Comforts Have Refreshed My Soul - Psalm 94 [In memory of all who sacrificed their lives in Afghanistan]

CHIMING THE HOUR
CHORAL INTROIT
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 14

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

People: Too often we have been fools in word and deed.

Leader: The Lord looks down to see if there are any among us

who seek after God.

People: May we seek after God. May we be counted among

the company of the righteous.

Leader: Deliver us, Lord. Restore the fortunes of your people.

People: In you, O Lord, we find refuge.

Let us call upon the name of the Lord.

*HYMN No. 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the heart, we are a fortunate people. We have all we should desire, and yet we yearn for more. In our privilege we become blind to those less powerful. We are driven by our empty appetites. We grasp at hollow fantasies without concern for the pain we may bring.

Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see the true power of your presence and direct us toward lives of humble service in your holy name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The love of God is our firm foundation.

People: Through Jesus Christ we are given new life.

Leader: This is the glorious news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

^{*} 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)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah.

But David remained at Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This arr. John S. Dixon

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside this crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

SERMON

Rev. Sherard Edington

The Shepherd King: 6. Transgress Like a King

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 *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. 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*Charge and Benediction

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Postlude

Allegro

Julius Reubke

He Shall Recompense the Ungodly Their Wickedness, and Destroy Them in Their Own Malice - 94th Psalm

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

August 25, 6:00 p.m.

Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Salad with Corn and Black Beans, Key Lime Cake

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

ON SEPTEMBER 12, Sunday worship will return to our pre-COVID schedule with 8:45 a.m. Chapel Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship.

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for anyone interested in joining the church will be offered by Sherard Edington starting October 3. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on October 3, 10, and 17. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office.

SHERRY'S RUN – The 18th annual Sherry's Run will be held Saturday, September 11 and FPC is forming a team. If you are already planning to participate or would like to, please register online at sherrysrun.org. At the end of the registration form choose to join a team. Our team name is 1st Presbyterian Church, Lebanon. We will meet the morning of the 11th in the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and go to the event together. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH

Youth Group (5^{th} - 12^{th} grade) –The youth group will continue to meet on the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Wednesday nights.

Coats 4 Folks—The youth are planning a coat drive in November. More details to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
11:10 a.m.	Book Club	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:10 a.m.	Sunday School	Thursday	
Monday	·	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Tuesday		Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday	

Class of 2021 Class of 2022 Suanne Bone Jessica Fain Don Goodwin Mickey Stueck Adrienne Johnson David Howell

Class of 2021 Becky Harm Lee Lyle Sandra Patton Emily Peyton

DIACONATE Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Jack Emmert	Margaret Carroll
Marilyn Peyton	O
Laura Simmons	

Class of 2023

Max Carter

Frank Reeves

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Margaret Ann Trail

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
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Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
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	Book Club Class	
Elementary Class	Westminster Class	
Middle- High School Class	Women's Class	

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