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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



October 13, 2024

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

October 13, 2024

11:00 A.M.

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## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Walker Baylor

CHIMING THE HOUR

## WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jessica Fain  
Jack Emmert

## CHORAL INTROIT

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The kingdom of God is at hand.

People: We want to enter this kingdom.

Leader: The mercy of God is made known.

People: We want to receive this mercy.

Leader: The grace of God is abundant for all.

People: We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love. Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today.

## \*HYMN NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of the Lost,

Like the woman who sought her missing coin, you seek us out when we stray from you. We are worth far more to you than we can imagine.

Yet, we confess that we often lose sight of your light as our trust in you wavers. We fail to love others as you love us. We push away those we consider unworthy.

Forgive us, we pray. Soften our hardened hearts and ease our hesitance to practice Jesus' welcoming love. Help us extend your radiant embrace to all your children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus understands our cries and our weakness.  
He forgives and heals our souls.

People: Friends, I declare you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our sins are forgiven.

## \*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 of mercy,  
you promised never to break your covenant with us.  
Amid all the changing words of our generation,  
speak your eternal Word that does not change.  
Then may we respond to your gracious promises  
with faithful and obedient lives;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 8-10

*Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God  
Over one sinner who repents.*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Calvin Taylor

### SERMON

*In God We Trust: The Lost Coin* Rev. Sherard Edington

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 428      *We Give Thee but Thine Own*      SCHUMANN

\*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      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      Shackley

### \*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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Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 426      *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*      CANONBURY

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE      *The Solid Rock*      Lani Smith

WE WELCOME pianist Dr. Christine M. Perkey to our worship service today. A native of Augusta, Georgia, she graduated from Augusta State University with a Bachelor of Music degree in piano and theory. Christy earned a Master of Music degree from the University of South Carolina and a doctoral degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Christy taught piano and music theory in the Music Department at TSU for 23 years before retiring ten years ago. She has also taught at Campbell University, Belmont University, and Blair School of Music. She and her husband Bart are parents of three daughters and are active members of Belmont United Methodist Church.

## 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 October 16, 6:00 p.m.

*Pasta Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert*

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

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### CONGRATULATIONS...

To Chloe Foutch and Derek Loucks on their marriage on October 12. They will make their home in Hermitage, Tennessee.

To Presslee Roach and Travis Carroll on their marriage on October 6.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Pat Hatcher on the death of her husband Phillip on October 5.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and volunteered for yesterday's Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. Together, we packaged over 10,000 meals.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, October 19, at 8:00 a.m.

To make a reservation, please contact Kristy in the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 20 at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing officers.

TRUNK OR TREAT – FPC will host our fourth community Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., and we need your help. We are looking for members of the congregation who are willing to host "trunks"— people who decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy in our parking lot. To volunteer, please contact Kristy in the office. If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off in the church office.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

|                |                 |                  |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Today</b>   |                 | <b>Wednesday</b> |                 |
| 8:45 a.m.      | Worship         | 6:00 p.m.        | Fellowship Meal |
| 9:45 a.m.      | Church School   | 6:30 p.m.        | Choir Practice  |
| 11:00 a.m.     | Worship         | 6:30 p.m.        | Bible Study     |
| 12:15 p.m.     | Session Meeting | <b>Thursday</b>  |                 |
| <b>Monday</b>  |                 | 9:00 a.m.        | Preschool       |
| 6:00 p.m.      | New Day Group   | 6:00 p.m.        | Boy Scouts      |
| <b>Tuesday</b> |                 | <b>Friday</b>    |                 |
| 9:00 a.m.      | Preschool       | <b>Saturday</b>  |                 |
|                |                 | 8:00 a.m.        | Men's Breakfast |

## 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  
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Children**  
Elementary Class and  
Middle - High School Class

**Adult**  
Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class

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