



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to worship (adapted from Psalm 112)

People of God, praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

**Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!**

+Opening Hymn # 336

"We Gather Together"

Kremser

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost. Amen. Moment for Silent Meditation.**

Congregational Prayer Response: **What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.**

**From Hymn # 70 (Verses 1 and 2)**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

"Open Thou Mine Eyes"

John Rutter

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Children's Message

Sermon

Isaiah 58:1-12 (p. 647)

1 Corinthians. 2:1-16 (p. 156)

Matthew 5:13-20 (p. 4)

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+Affirmation of faith (*from The Confession of 1967*)

**We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.**

+The Gloria Patri, # 581      *Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

## OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 346      "For the Healing of the Nations"      St. Thomas  
(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory      "Land of Rest"      Davidson

+Doxology # 606

**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.**

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING      +Sending Hymn # 65      "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"      CWM Rhondda

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude      "I Sing Praises"      MacAlmon

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.

**Please join in unison reading of the bold print.**

## Praise Reports

Welcome Xander Nowell  
as Director of Music.  
We are so happy to have you!

Congratulations Johnny & Lauren Ault  
as they Welcome Baby Boys  
Wesley Graham & Bennett Wilkes.  
Welcome to the world little ones.  
Your church family loves you.

## Prayer Concerns

**Jon Fortman**  
Health Concerns

**Dorothy Fortman**  
Recovery from a broken leg

**Allison L. Jones**  
(*Scott Jones' Mother*)  
Health Concerns

**Julian Gardner**  
Continued Prayers

**Sherean Harrington**  
(*Hope Oakes Stepmother*)  
Health Concerns

**Noah Russell Nagy**  
Continued Prayers

**Simon Storer**  
(*Friend of Lee Hackett*)  
Cancer Diagnosis

**Scott Starkweather**  
Recovery from Fall

**Hope Oakes**  
Health Concerns

**Mary Anne Hamblen**  
Hillary Richardson's Mother  
Recovery from knee surgery

**Hilda Nance**  
Hillary Richardson's Aunt  
Recovery from stroke

**Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwiller**  
Broken Ankle

**Anita Marie Turner**  
(*Friend of Eric Krieger*)  
Final Stages of Cancer

*Please let the church office know  
if you have any praise reports  
or prayer concerns.*

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to  
First Presbyterian Church!

A Nursery is available in the  
Education Building for the youngest  
worshipers (birth - Kindergarten).

Restrooms are located on both  
floors in the Education Building.  
Follow the signs or ask a friendly  
face who will be happy to help  
you find anything you need.

### Today

5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

3:00 p.m.

PW Gathering

### Monday

10:00 a.m.

Cong. Care/Christian Action

Meeting

### Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

5:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Next Sunday

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

Session and Deacon  
Joint Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship  
Rev. Johnny Wray

## Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem

Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Class of 2027

Fran Brown-1

Marthalie Porter-1

Steve Porter-2

Susan Smith-2

Class of 2028

Hope DeVenney-4

Tom Hatcher-2

Anna Jones-4

Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

## Diaconate

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-3

Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Class of 2028

Roger Burlingame-2

Holly Longton-3

Jennifer Mearkle-2

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**Sunday, February 1, 2026 Attendance: 49**

### Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned spaghetti sauces and boxed cereals.

### PCDP/HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

## It's COLD outside!

PCDP & Helping Hands is continuing its blanket drive throughout the cold months.

New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like  
to make a monetary donation, please reference PCDP/Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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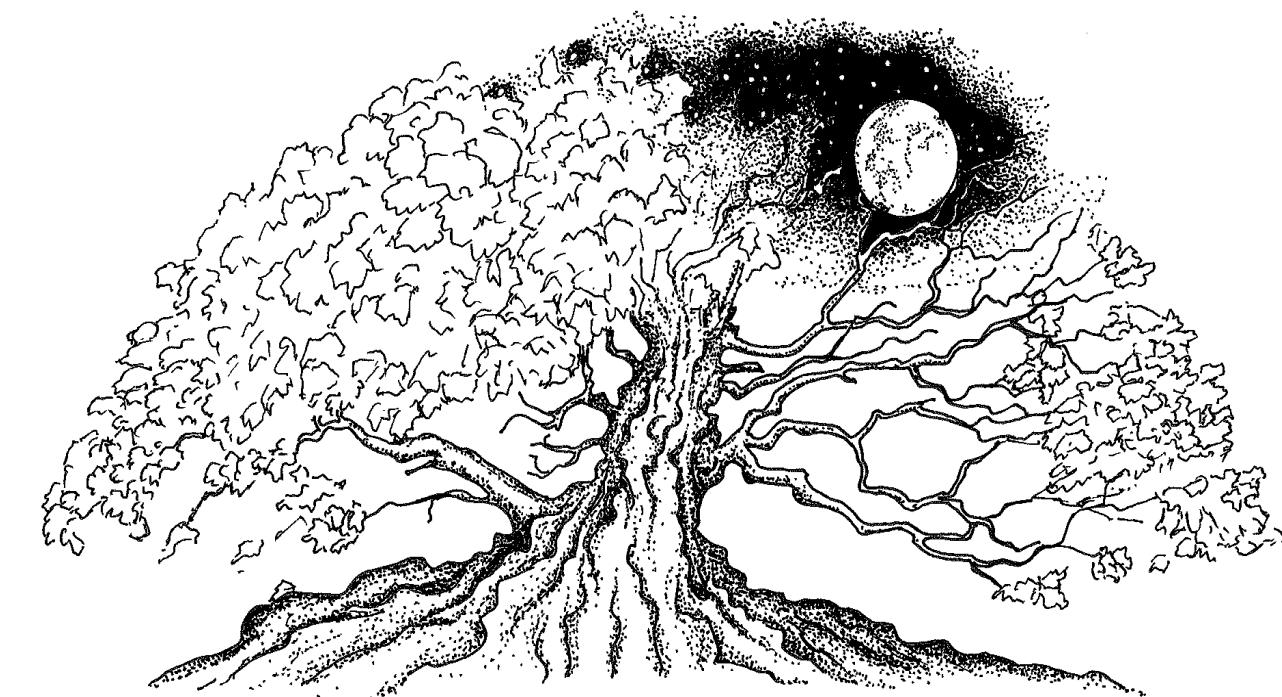
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

### “The Basics”

Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

February 8, 2026

