



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	Hughes
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	<i>Come! Live In the Light</i>	We Are Called
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		

Call to Worship from Micah 6

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

What does the Lord require of you?

To do Justice.

What does the Lord require of you?

To love Kindness.

What does the Lord require of you?

To walk Humbly with our God.

Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 643	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Nun Danket Alle Gott
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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Moment for Silent Meditation

Choral Prayer Response	<i>What Does the Lord Require?</i>	Strathdee
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Assurance of Pardon

Choral Anthem	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	St. Columba arr. Forrest
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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God **Hebrew Scriptures:** Micah 6:1-8

Psalter: Psalm 15

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Children's Message

Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old

Sermon "The Blessed" Reverend B.J. Chain

+Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 # 172	<i>Blest Are They</i>	Haas
	verses 1, 2, and 4	

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Fischer
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+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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+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.

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 700	<i>I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</i>	African American Spiritual
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+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Watts
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+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so
Please join in unison reading of the bold print

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator		Cathy Young, Clerk
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Lee Hackett-1	Fran Brown -1	Collene Albright-3
Steve Porter-2	Dennis Harmon -1	Hope Devenney-4
Tori Pumphrey-4	Susan Smith -2	Taylor Richardson-2
Thomas Richardson-3	Cathy Young -4	Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Ed Oakes-3	Angela Gardner -2	Dorothy Fortman-1
Lezli Waits-4	Marthale Porter -1	Hillary Richardson-3
Steve Wilkes-2	Emma Richardson-3	Anna Jones -4

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**We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

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.

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims
Health Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Toni Oakes
(Ed Oakes Sister)
Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes
(Ed Oakes Mother)
Health Concerns

Bridgette Beinhour
(Ed Oakes Cousin)
Health Concerns

Emmagene Crunk
Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd
Health Concerns

Al Hatcher
Health Concerns

Richard Brown
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones Mother)
Health Concerns

Kathy Goodwin
Ongoing back issues

Sherri Musgrove
(Friend of Anna Jones)
Breast Cancer

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

Today	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m. AA Group
Wednesday	12:30 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday	5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Congregational Meeting to elect the Officer Nominating Committee

Helping Hands

Hunger is a growing issue in our community.

If you are shopping this week, please consider this need. Jennifer Gerard has requested the following as immediate needs: super low on boxed cereal, and low on canned meat, canned spaghetti sauce, instant oatmeal packets, and peanut butter.

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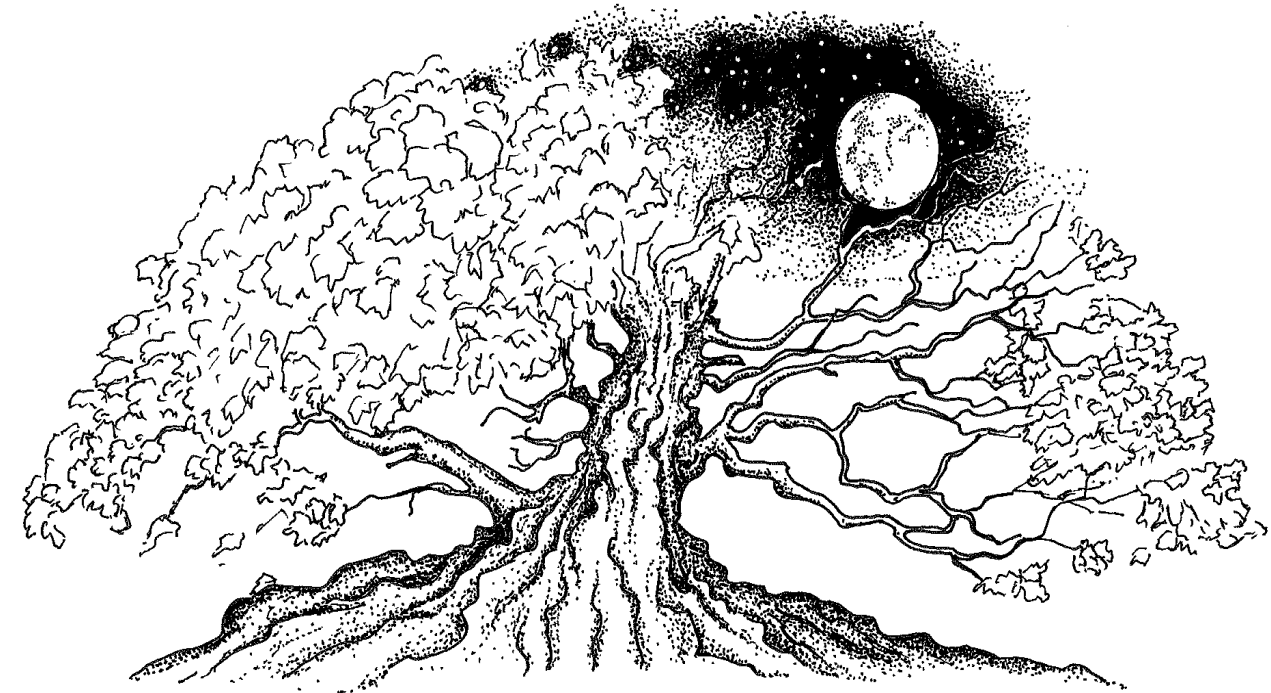
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“The Blessed”

Reverend B.J. Chain
January 29, 2023

