

# The People of First Presbyterian Church

#### **OUR GATHERING**

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Dykes, arr. Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"Wondrous Majesty"

David Ashley White

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship from Psalm 111

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

And also with you

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

**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

Congregational Prayer Response: "Forgive our sins, as we forgive," you taught us Lord, Detroit to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

Anthem "With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God **Hebrew Scriptures:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (p. 168)

**Psalter:** Psalm 111 (p. 531)

Congregational Response: Hymn # 820

**New Testament:** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p. 160)

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28 (p. 33)

Children's Message Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old Sermon Rev. BJ 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 # 169

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

REST

vs. 1, 4, 5

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Prelude No. 6 in D minor"

Bach

+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 # 662 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

RATISBON

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Croft, arr. Larson

#### THE CHURCH AT WORK

Today
4th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

2 Cents A Meal Offering

Fellowship Lunch following Worship (Shepherding Group 3) Blanket Drive

Monday

5:00 p.m. AA Group

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday

5:30 p.m. AA & Al-Anon

Next Sunday 5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

#### **Helping Hands Needs**

New Blankets (All sizes)

<u>Hygiene Items:</u> toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, feminine products, laundry detergent, or cleaning supplies.

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so Please join in unison reading of the bold print

#### 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.

#### **Praver Concerns**

#### Sandra Mims

Health Concerns

#### Jon Fortman

Health Concerns

#### Toni Oakes

(Ed Oakes' Sister) Health Concerns

#### **Ginny Oakes**

(Ed Oakes' Mother) Health Concerns

#### **Emmagene Crunk**

Health Concerns

#### **Bonnie Boyd**

Health Concerns

#### Allison L. Iones

(Scott Jones' Mother) Health Concerns

#### Sherri Musgrove

(Friend of Anna Jones) Breast Cancer

#### Phil Adcock

(Hope Oakes' Uncle) Suffered a Stroke

#### **Genie Hutchison**

**Continued Prayers** 

#### **Amy Sullivan**

(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law) Health Concerns

#### The Longton Family

On the Loss of Mike Longton

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

#### Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk

Class of 2024 Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Fran Brown -1 Collene Albright-3 Maridith Geuder-1 Dennis Harmon -1 Hope Devenney-4 Tori Pumphrev-4 Taylor Richardson-2 Lezli Waits-4 Susan Smith -2 Cathy Young -4 Tom Richardson-3 Steve Wilkes-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

#### **Diaconate**

Class of 2025 Class of 2024 Class of 2026 Angela Gardner -2 Dorothy Fortman-1 Hope Oakes-3 Marthalie Porter -1 Hillary Richardson-3 Eric Waits-4 Anna Jones -4 Emma Richardson-3

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#### FPC Fall 2023 Sunday School/Nursery Program

Nursery (Room 3-Education Building): Birth to 5 years 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday School (Room 2-Education Building): Ages 5 - 7 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Youth Room Upstairs-Education Building): Ages 8 - 10 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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> At this time no canned goods are needed due to a large donation given by Baptist Memorial Hospital.

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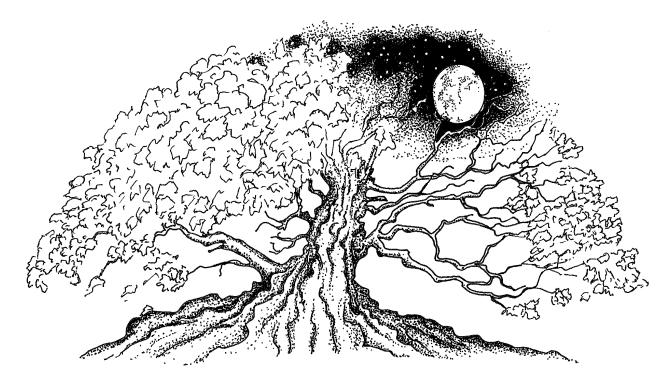








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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

### The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. BJ Chain January 28, 2024



