



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Welsh Melody
arr. Schinske

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Temple of Peace

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to worship (from Psalm 145)

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,

and his compassion is over all that he has made.

+Opening Hymn # 463

"How Firm a Foundation"
(Verses 1, 3, and 5)

Foundation

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us to live as united disciples, but we allow petty differences and disagreements to divide us. You command us to follow in the ways of Christ, but we become weary and distracted by selfishness. You call us to love others, and we do, as long as they are easy to love and similar to us. You expect us to forgive others as you have forgiven us, and we do, as long as the hurt is not too deep. Holy God, forgive us for the ways that we justify our actions that divide the church and do not bring glory to your name. Restore us to you that we might walk in the way that Jesus led. Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy, to your presence we have come; give us now your love. From Hymn # 425 (Verse 1)**

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

"They Cast Their Nets"

Percy/McCabe

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (pp. 476-477)
I Corinthians 1:10-18 (pp. 155-156)

Children's Message

Melissa McDuffie

Sermon

"Love, Paul"

Melissa McDuffie

+Affirmation of Faith (*from 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 living 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.

+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 # 170 "You Walk along Our Shoreline" Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

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 "Open My Eyes That I May See" Scott
arr. Bock

+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 Hymn #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"
(Verses 1, 4, and 5) Kelvingrove

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude "Holy Ground" Davis

SENDING

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

Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
May this new year be
a song of THANKSGIVING,
an offering of PRAISE, and
a celebration of GOD'S LOVE
in HIS Amazing GRACE.
All the praises for a HAPPY 2026!

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
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Melissa McDuffie
Fellowship Meal
following worship.
(Shepherding Group 3)

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
4th Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m.
Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem
Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4
Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2
Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4
Steve Wilkes-2	Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2
Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3
Sue Hatcher-3		Jennifer Mearkle-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 47

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned spaghetti sauces and boxed cereals.

HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

It's COLD outside!

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 Helping Hands Blanket Drive.

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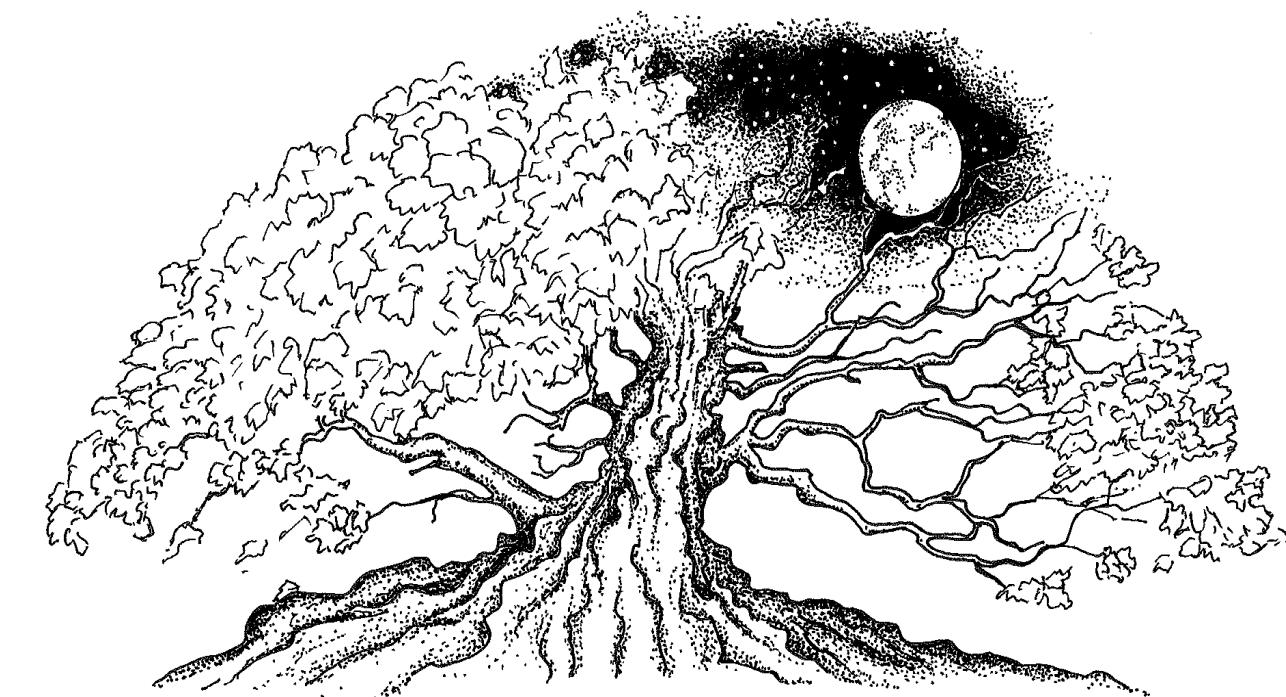
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Love, Paul”
Melissa McDuffie
January 25, 2026

