



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour  
 Prelude "Amazing Grace" arr. Kelsey  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 Choral Call to Worship "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Meyer  
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship  
 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
 say to the Lord:  
**My refuge and my fortress;  
 my God, in whom I trust.**  
 For God will protect us from evil  
 and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.  
**God rescues those who love God  
 and is present with us in trouble.**  
 God answers when we cry out  
 and reveals our salvation to us.  
**Let us worship God!**

+Opening Hymn # 783 "When We Are Tested" Angels of Healing

Prayer of Confession  
**As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.  
 The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't  
 imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad  
 choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our  
 burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that  
 is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.**  
*Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: ***O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power; from  
 fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flower. From Hymn # 434***

Assurance of Forgiveness  
 Choral Anthem "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Paul Christiansen

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination  
 The Word of God Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 (pp. 518-519)  
 Luke 4:1-13 (p. 57)

Children's Message Marthalie Porter

Sermon "Flyting with the Devil." Dr. Tom Richardson

+Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*  
**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of  
 humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and  
 present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and  
 believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,  
 moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates  
 the new life in Christ.**

+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 # 168 "Within Your Shelter, Loving God" Abbey

Prayer 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 "Quiet Devotion" Boesiger

+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 # 712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" Forest Green

+Benediction

+Postlude "All Things Bright and Beautiful" English Melody

## Prayer Concerns

**Sandra Mims**  
*Health Concerns*

**Jon & Dorothy Fortman**  
*Health Concerns*

**Toni Oakes**  
*(Ed Oakes' Sister)*  
*Health Concerns*

**Ginny Oakes**  
*(Ed Oakes' Mother)*  
*Health Concerns*

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

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

**Lyla Fulton (2 Years Old)**  
*(Holly Longton's Great Niece)*  
*Cancer Diagnosis*

**Patty Jones Family**  
*Prayer Concerns for Family*

**Jim Loveland**  
*Holly Longton's Father*  
*Recovery from Stroke*

**Julian Gardner**  
*Recovery from surgery*

**Taylor Richardson & Family**  
*On the loss of Ronnie Richardson,*  
*Taylor Richardson's father*

*Prayer requests should be  
 communicated through  
 the Church Office.*

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

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

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.

### Today

#### 1st Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Dr. Tom Richardson

12:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting—FPC

3:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women  
Gathering

### Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

5:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Next Sunday

#### 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Pam Rhea

### Helping Hands

Blankets

Boxed Cereal

All Canned Vegetables

## Session

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

### Class of 2025

Collene Albright-3

Hope Devenney-4

Taylor Richardson-2

Tom Richardson-3

### 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

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

## Diaconate

### Class of 2025

Dorothy Fortman-1

Hillary Richardson-3

Anna Jones -4

### Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-3

### Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Last Sunday's Attendance: 49

### Helping Hands Blanket Drive

It is still **COLD** outside!

BLANKETS ARE NEEDED!

Helping Hands is still running very low on blankets, please show your support by making a monetary donation or donating a blanket today.

### Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

If you are at the grocery store this week, please consider picking up a few items to help those in need. Immediate needs are:  
boxed cereal and all canned vegetables.

### First Presbyterian Church

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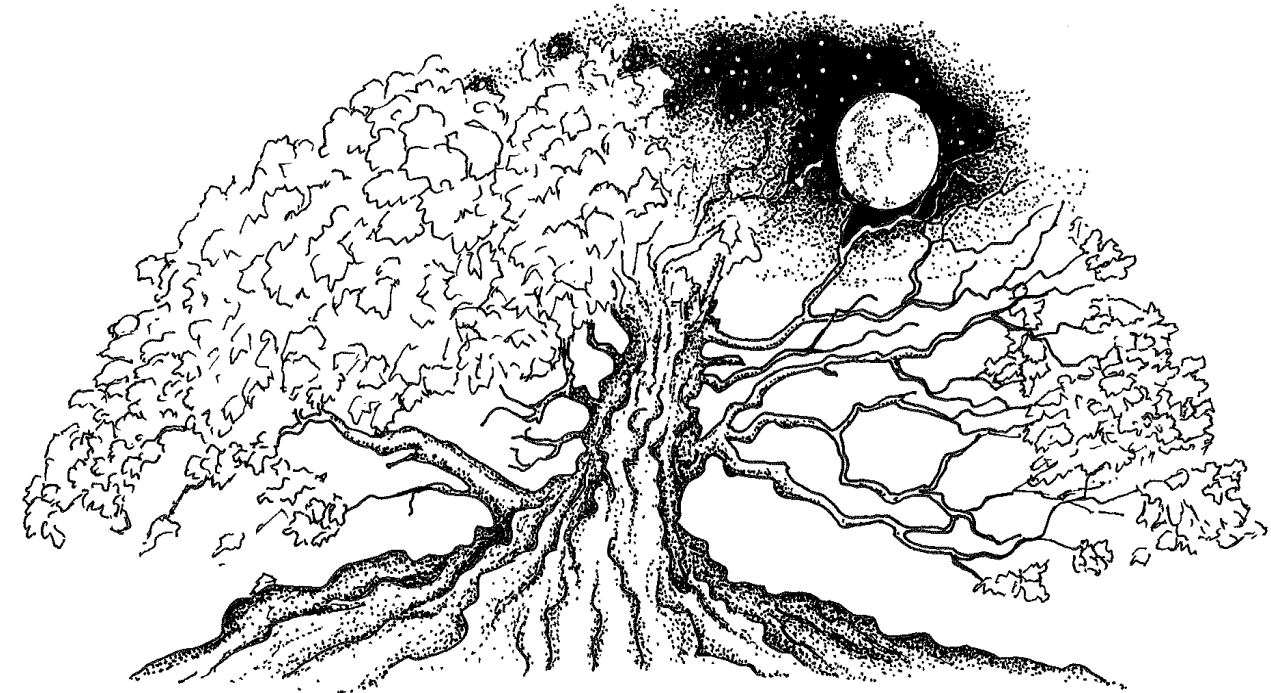
Accompanist: Shirley Ellis

PCDP Director: Lezli Waits

Custodian: Rowland Jennings



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

“Flyting with the Devil.”

Dr. Tom Richardson

March 9, 2025

