



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 (based on Psalm 15)

Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

May we hear your call and speak your truth.

Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

Gather us in honest and faithful community.

Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

Alleluia. Amen.

+Opening Hymn # 463

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

Foundation

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in a peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Lord, hear our prayer. 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

Micah 6:1-8 (p. 816)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p. 156)
Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 4)

Children's Message

Sermon

"What's a Beatitude?"

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+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.

+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

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Praise Reports

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 Goodwille
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.

+ 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 - 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
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

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
5th Sunday after Epiphany

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Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
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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

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Sunday, January 18, 2026 Attendance: 47

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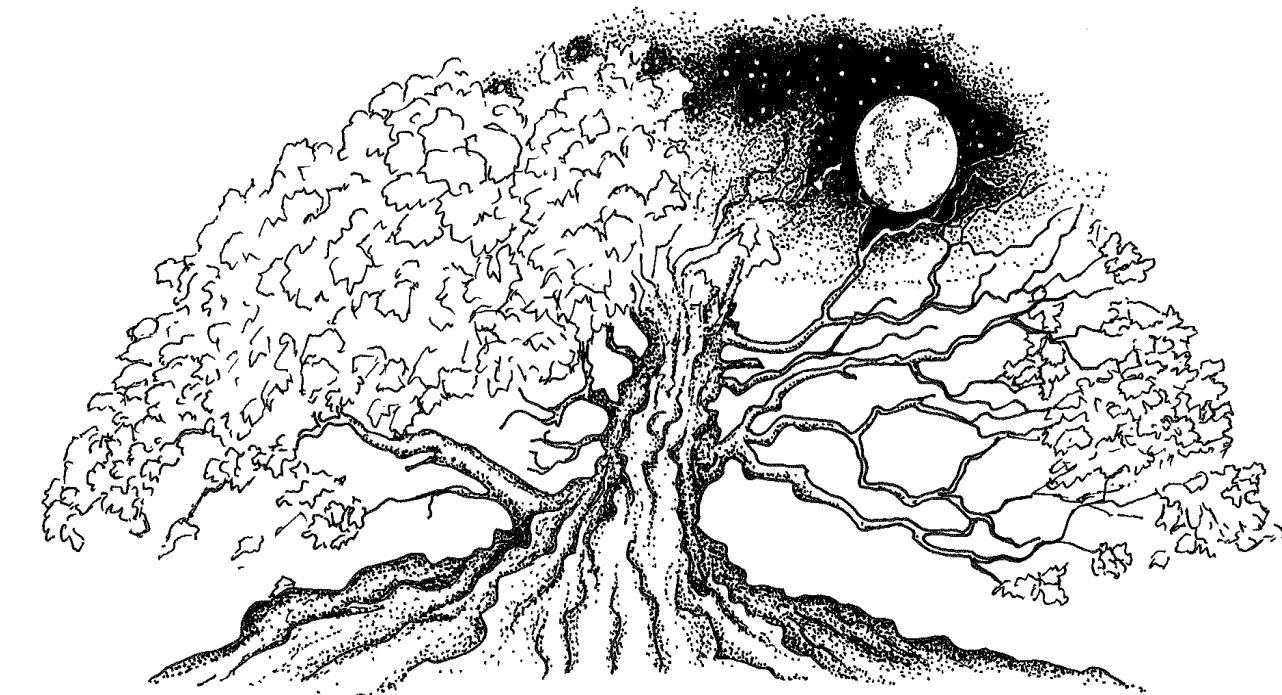
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“What’s a Beatitude?”
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February 1, 2026

