



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour		
Prelude	“How Beautiful”	Paris arr. Pethel
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”	West Main
Prayer of Praise and Adoration		
Call to worship (from Psalm 148) The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty. May the Lord bless us with God’s Peace! The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God’s beloved. In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God’s beloved.		
+Opening Hymn # 10	“Sing Glory to the Name of God” (Verses 1, 2, and 4)	Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Prayer of Confession Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen. <i>Moment for Silent Meditation.</i>		
Congregational Prayer Response: <i>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)</i>		
Assurance of Pardon		
Anthem	“God So Loved the World”	Stainer
THE WORD		
Prayer for Illumination		
The Word of God	Isaiah 42: 1-9 (p. 630) Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3)	
Children’s Message	Anna Jones	
Sermon	“Baptism of the Lord”	Rev. Johnny Wray

+Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*
We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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 # 688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” Morecambe
(Verses 1, 4, and 5)

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 “Andante” Stanley arr. Johnson
+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 # 547 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” Ar Hyd Y Nos
(Verses 1 and 3)

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude “Sing Praise to God, You Heavens” Steurlein

+ 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

*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
Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
Rev. Johnny Wray

3:00 p.m.
Presbyterian Women

Monday
10:00 a.m.
Congregational Care/Christian Action Meeting
Pill Bottle Wash & Pack Session

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group

5:00 p.m.
Worship & Music Meeting

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday
Loaves & Fishes
Volunteers Needed

Next Sunday
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
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11:00 a.m. Worship
Thomas Richardson

Session

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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
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

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
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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Last Sunday's Attendance: 55

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned ready-to-eat soups, peanut butter and boxed cereals.

HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE

Helping Hands has started its annual blanket drive. 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.

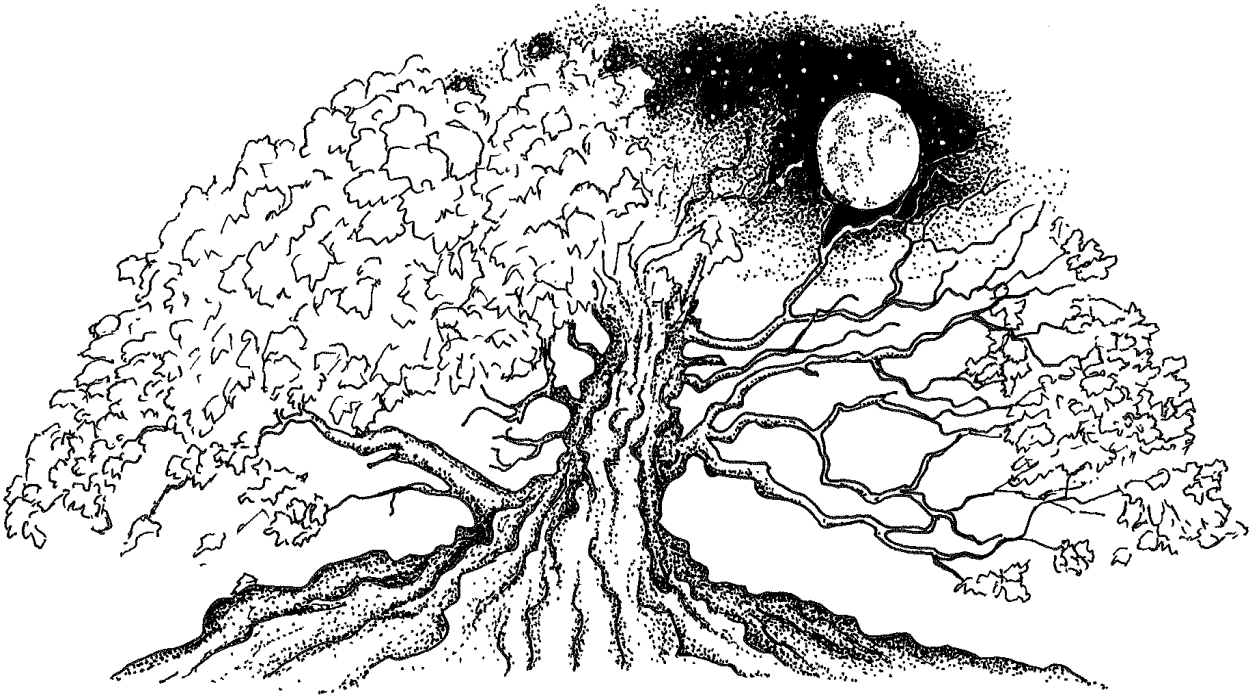
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Baptism of the Lord”
Rev. Johnny Wray
January 11, 2026

