



The LORD
called me
before I
was born,
while I
was in my
mother's womb
he named me.

Isaiah 49:1, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15 2023

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. Robert Powell

Call to Worship

from Psalm 40

The Lord put a new song in my mouth. A song of praise!

Many will see and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

They do not turn to the proud nor go astray.

* Hymn 26

“Earth and All Stars”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that

we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions.

We have been selfish in our desires

and quarrelsome in our relationships.

We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different,

and let distrust separate us from one another.

Shine your light into our darkened hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways.

Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ,

who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583 “Glory to God”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 1:29-42 (NT, p. 92)

Psalter: Psalm 40:1-11 (Hymnal 651)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Siyahamba”

South African

Second Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7 (OT, p. 679)

Sermon: "Given as a Light"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Wintering with Isaiah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Jack Charles Mosquera

Profession of Faith

* Affirmation of Faith: 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 quick 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism and Welcome

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Offering

Offertory "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" arr. Don Hustad

* Doxology 606

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 673 "Jesus, Light of Joy"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me" arr. Don Hustad

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Franklin and Juanita Curtis Gelder, by Margaret, Kristin, Jeff, and Sandy Reese.

The rose is given in honor of the baptism of Jack Charles Mosquera, son of Matthew and Kimberly (Rich) Mosquera. Jack is the grandson of John and Anne Rich. Blessings to all.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jan Thyren

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

Next Tuesday morning, our **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** continues at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship hall. The group is studying the female ancestors of Jesus. This study will focus on Ruth, specifically chapters 3 and 4 of the Book of Ruth. Prizes may be given out to those who read the text ahead of time.

Annual reports - Monday, January 16 at 4 p.m. is the **Deadline for Annual Reports** to be submitted. Please forward them electronically to office@fpccs.org

They are back! Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

The 2023 flower calendar is hanging in the hallway next to Rev. Carter's office. If you wish to contribute sanctuary flowers during the year, please sign up and you will be contacted for additional details.

Tell us your prayer concerns: Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Barbara, Hall, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, Leonard, Janet, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Dick Maurer and family, Bailey Family, MacDade family, McLaughlin family, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Carolyn.

Coming very soon: Art Show at the Ice Festival

First Presbyterian is happy to host a juried photography exhibit, as well as the fine artwork of its talented parishioners at the Clarks Summit Ice Festival, held on **January 27-29, 2023**. If you want to be a part of the event, here's what you need to know:

- Elaine Tweedy will coordinate the Art Show. If you are interested in participating, you will need to let her know by **January 9th**. You can contact Elaine via her cell at 570-575-1705 or email at elainetweedy@gmail.com.
- Drop off of artwork and photography will be Thursday, January 26 between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Pick up of your work will be Sunday, January 29 between Noon and 1:30 p.m. There will be a People's Choice Award as part of the show. For more information and a schedule of the event, contact Elaine.

Can you help? We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Can you assist with serving meals at one of our funeral luncheons? Let our Deacons know.
- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? Notify Nancy Owens.
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? Let Jana know.
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.

Thanks for considering this invitation. This church depends on volunteers!

2023 Offering Envelopes can be found on the tables in the hallway by the pastor's office. Please take yours home today. If you would like a box of envelopes, and one hasn't been prepared for you, contact the church office (570-586-6306).

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here**.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 15, 2023

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Session meeting, room 206

Monday, January 16

- **4 p.m.**, Deadline for Annual Report submissions

Tuesday, January 17

- **10 a.m.**, Women's Bible study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 18

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 19

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Sr. game group

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

Sunday, January 22

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online