



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Words of Welcome
Prelude

Call to Worship from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Wait for the Lord; be strong!

Let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

* Hymn 2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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: Matthew 4:12-23 (NT, p. 3)
Psalter: Psalm 27 (Hymnal 90, with refrain)
A Time with Children

Anthem “They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”
arr. Douglas Wagner

Second Lesson: Isaiah 49:8-13 (OT, p. 679)
Sermon: “Calling Out the Prisoners” Rev. Carter
Sermon Series: Wintering with Isaiah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 772 “Live into Hope”

- * 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.**

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.**

A Minute for Per Capita

Offering

Offertory

“Fanfare Flourish”

by Ron Mallory

* Doxology 606

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn “For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free” (to Hymnal 32)

"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new."

We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside.
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide.
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
He died for us, new life to give — and new identity.

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.

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* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

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 her parents by Rev. Nancy Zink.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
Coordinator of Children and Youth
Director of Music
Director of Bells
Organist
Liturgist

Rev. William G. Carter
Jana Schillinger
Frank Jones
Richard Cochrane
Kay Ten Eyck
Jay Clymer

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.

Needed...35 Bags of Groceries: As part of our church's many efforts to recognize and battle hunger in our community, we will again be serving a free lunch at Hickory Street Presbyterian on Saturday, March 25, 2023. The menu is being formulated so please watch for a narthex display and sign-ups as we will again need about a dozen volunteers to make the entree, another dozen to prepare desserts, and another dozen to serve the meal that day. But as part of that day we also need to have on hand about 35 bags of groceries for distribution and as we continue to do this project twice each year, accumulating that big supply of groceries is proving to be the most difficult portion of the work. So please start now to help us fill those grocery bags. Shopping lists showing what is needed for each bag can be found in the narthex; please consider taking one and watching for good sales as you do your own grocery shopping. You can shop for the complete bag contents or just focus on some of the individual items.

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

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.

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 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.

2023 Offering Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex (lobby). 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).

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!

The **Clarks Summit Festival of Ice** is coming up on January 27-29, and First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit will have an ice sculpture outside and a variety of activities inside during the festival. All activities are free of charge.

On Friday evening violinist extraordinaire **Mark Woodyatt** will entertain in the chancel of the sanctuary from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, while next door in the Session Room



(206) there will be an **Art and Photography Show**

Coordinated by **Elaine Tweedy** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Included in the show will be a juried photography competition and artistic submissions from church and community members.

The art show will continue on Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm, and following the Sunday worship service.

Other **Saturday** activities include a **Chili Cafe** in Fellowship Hall from 11 am to 1 pm, with piano students of **Michelle Triaca** providing entertainment. **Faith Bennett** will do face painting from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. At 1 pm children and their parents will gather in the sanctuary for a drum circle organized by **Cheryl Mozdian**.

All are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!



We are glad to welcome **volunteers** to help, especially for Saturday. We are looking for twenty crockpots of homemade chili, bakers of cookies and goodies, hosts and hostesses to greet people, and "money changers" at the door. Can you help? Let Karen White know (570-575-7005) or contact the church office.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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

Tuesday, January 24

10 a.m., MBK Quilts, Fellowship Hall

7 p.m., Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, January 25

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter mailing, Room 206
- **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 26

Friday, January 27

- **5:30 p.m.**, Festivities of the Art Festival begin at FPCCS with music in the sanctuary chancel
- **6 p.m.**, Art and Photography Show begins in the session room (206)

Saturday, January 28

- **11 a.m.**, Chili Café is open; Piano Students will entertain, Fellowship Hall
- **11:30 a.m.**, Face Painting, Fellowship Hall
- **1 p.m.**, Drum Circle, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 29

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Art can be viewed until 4 p.m., Room 206

And Looking Ahead:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit has been called for February 5, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. The meeting will be hybrid. Further details regarding on-line participation will be available shortly.