

Is not this the fast
that I choose:
to loose the bonds
of injustice ...



and to break
every yoke?

ISAIAH 58:6, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 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: Hymn 399
Words of Welcome

Prelude "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Roy Darley

Call to Worship Psalm 140:12-13

I know that the LORD maintains the cause of the needy,

God executes justice for the poor.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;

the upright shall live in your presence.

* Hymn 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess

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”

***Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20 (NT, p. 4)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“I Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Allen Pote

Second Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12 (OT, p. 688)

Sermon: “Fasting for Justice”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Wintering with Isaiah

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 770

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

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

Presentation of Eloise Taylor

* 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.**

Offering
Offertory “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. Lani Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 694 “Great God of Every Blessing”
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude “Praise to God, Immortal Praise” arr. Douglas Wagner

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God with love to my family and friends by Char Lyon.

The rose is in honor of the baptism of Eloise Ingram Taylor, infant daughter of Grant and Allyson Taylor.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William Carter |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | John Young |
| Ushers | Peter Moore |

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Looking Ahead:

NEXT SUNDAY is Souper Bowl Sunday!

Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 12 isn't just the Big Game...
it's a big opportunity to help those in need!

Remember to bring your donation to church on
Souper Bowl Sunday or check **fpccs.org** for
online donation information.

All proceeds will benefit the AEM Food Pantry.



Sunday, February 19

- 10 a.m., Mardi Gras Sunday, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m., An Introduction to the Lenten Season, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 22

- 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

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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.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit has been called for Sunday, February 5 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary. A link to participate on Zoom was on our weekly e-mail and website, and the packet of annual reports will be made available ahead of time.

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.

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, McLaughlin family, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Carolyn, Rachel and Teal.

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 or below on this page; 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.

Shopping List

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| 1 box of cereal | 1 box of pasta |
| 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce | 1 box of mac and cheese |
| 1 or 2 cans of vegetables | 1 can of fruit |
| 1 can of tuna | 1 box pop tarts |
| 1 4-pack of jello or pudding cups | 1 bag of candy |
| 1 plastic jar of peanut butter | 1 plastic jar of jelly |

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.

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!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 5

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Annual Meeting, sanctuary

Monday, February 6

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 7

- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, February 8

- **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, February 9

Sunday, February 12

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