



Now there are
varieties
of gifts,
but the same
Spirit...

1 Corinthians 12:4

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

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 312

Words of Welcome
Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. John Behnke

Call to Worship from Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

* Hymn 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Great God of love,

you gather us in the grace of Jesus

and equip us completely through the gifts of your Spirit.

Forgive us for stifling what you empower,

for dividing what you connect,

for breaking what you made whole,

for hoarding what you give for the benefit of all.

Breathe afresh on your people,

awaken us from the sleep of solitude,

and free us from the captivity of fear.

This, we ask, in the fearless love of Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583

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

Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11 (NT, p. 93)

Psalter: Psalm 36 (Hymnal 477)

A Time with Children

Anthem "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" arr. Courtney

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NT, p. 174)

Sermon: "Energized and Activated"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Wintering in Corinth

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 297 "In Christ Called to Baptize"

* 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.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Per Capita

Offering

Offertory "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" arr. John Behnke

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" arr. Anna Laura Page

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franklin and Juanita Curtis Gelder, by daughter Margaret Reese, and grandchildren Kristen, Jeff, and Sandy Reese.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Christine Lee
Ushers	Bill Farrell and Diana Pope-Albright

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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 gather at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

This morning for our children:

- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- Bible Time leaders will be sharing about baptism, temptation, and God's good news.

Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week at 5:45. The Bible study is called "*Wintering in Corinth*," which means the group will dig into Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. Want to begin the New Year with a group that studies the Bible and enjoys one another? Come and join us!



Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks.

Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn. Please pray for: Hall, Nancy J., Debbie S., Jerry, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Rob, Lucy, Jeanette, Dennis V., Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Ann, Tim, Hooper family, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Garnecki family, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Wayne, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Scott, Terry, Klatt family, Judy, Dr. Smeraldi, Evelyn.

The next Mobile Food Pantry will take place Thursday, February 13. Pre-registration is required at fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or 570-586-6306.

The 2025 flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the hall. If you want to contribute flowers on Sunday mornings, write your name on the list and you will be contacted.

Give to Disaster Relief--U.S. Wildfires

Our hearts are with all who have been affected by **the devastating wildfires** that have affected thousands of people. The PC(USA) affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, once again we are called to stand with our neighbors. Please give generously to the Church's recovery efforts, both short- and long-term. This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for U.S. wildfires.

- To give by phone, call 800-728-7228, ext. 5885. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P. O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



Clarks Summit Festival of Ice

January 24-26, 2025

Join us for a winter weekend of art, music, and food.

Free activities for children and youth.

The Chili Café is a great deal for a hot lunch on a cold day.

- Ice Sculpture on display just outside the entrance to the sanctuary
- Photography and Art Show in the Session Room most of the weekend, **beginning Friday at 4 p.m.**
- **Friday, January 24, 6-7 p.m.** Guitarist Roy Williams (right) in the sanctuary



Saturday, January 25



- **11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Chili Cafe in Fellowship Hall with entertainment by piano students of Michelle Triaca.
- **1-2 p.m.** Jeremy Lewan (left), WNEP-TV meteorologist, gives a presentation on clouds downstairs in room 111.
- **2-3 p.m.** Drum Circle led by Cheryl Mozdian in the sanctuary.

Last call for pots of chili and helpers: Karen White is looking for volunteers to provide a crockpot of chili or work at the Chili Cafe. Call her at (570) 575-7005 or see her at coffee hour on Sunday.



Our Arts Series is supported by grants from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Lackawanna County Community Arts and Culture department, and by individual contributions. Thank you to our donors. For more information call the church at 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.



2025 Offering envelope boxes have been prepared. Thanks to all who have taken their box home.

If you desire a box of envelopes, and one was not prepared for you, please notify Nancy in the church office. Our office **assumes** that if a household contributes regularly through our on-line service, they wouldn't want paper envelopes. A package of envelopes for the Special Offerings taken throughout the year (One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, etc.) is available upon request. Please feel free to call 570-586-6306.

News on our Church Directory

In 2019 we started developing our Online Church Directory with the intention of printing directories once we had a sufficient number of family pictures submitted. We all know what happened in 2020. Many of you use the directory online but we would also like to have a professionally printed church directory.

We plan to take pictures during Fellowship Hour through the rest of January and February for those who would like their picture updated or who never had a photo submitted for the directory. You may also submit your own photo if you prefer.

Please speak with or call JoAnn Hall (570-806-1591) or Jeanne DeVirgilis (570-479-7960) if you **1)** would like to have a photo taken, or **2)** have a photo you would like to submit, or **3)** have questions regarding using the online directory.

The Deacons are preparing to send **care packages to your college, postgraduate, or military loved ones!** Please send your loved one's name and address to Grace Farrell, either by email: glee1124@yahoo.com, or by phone or text: (570) 878-7396. Please make sure to provide their current and complete address. Thank you.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 19

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Pre-confirmation meeting

Monday, January 20 Church Office is closed in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Tuesday, January 21

- 10 a.m., Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- Deadline for submitting Annual Reports. Please send information to office@fpccs.org

Wednesday, January 22

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 5:45 p.m., Adult Christian Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- 8 p.m., Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 24 ***The Ice Festival Begins***

- 4 p.m., The Art Show opens for viewing, Room 206
- 6 p.m., Guitarist Roy Williams will entertain, Sanctuary

Saturday, January 25

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Chili Café with piano entertainment, Fellowship Hall
- 1-2 p.m., Jeremy Lewan, WNEP-TV meteorologist, presentation on clouds, Room 111
- 2-3p.m., Drum Circle led by Cheryl Mozdian, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 26

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 12 noon, Girl Scouts activity, Room 111

Looking ahead:

Sunday, February 2
Sunday, February 9

LIFT: Living in Faith Together program
Annual Meeting

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