

Now
you are the



of Christ and
individually
members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 306

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude”

Robert Powell

Call to Worship

Let us gather for worship, for this day is holy to the Lord.

The joy of the Lord is our strength and salvation,

We gather to offer our praise.

In singing and in silence, in Word and in prayer,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

* Hymn 744

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”

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

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-10 (OT, p. 436)

Psalter: Psalm 19 (Hymnal 61)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Softly and Tenderly”

arr. Martin

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (NT, p. 174)

Sermon: "So Arranged"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: *Wintering in Corinth*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

* 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

Offering

Offertory

"Aria"

Gordon Young

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune" Gordon Young

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

* All who are able shall stand.

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

Betsy Ellis

Ushers

Diana Pope-Albright, Bill Farrell

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, Wayne, Clark family.

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.

The next Mobile Food Pantry will take place Thursday, February 13. Pre-registration is required at fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or 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. Make sure to provide their current and complete address.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit has been called for Sunday, February 9 following our morning worship service. It will take place in Fellowship Hall.

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 (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 the QR code at right.



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:

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P. O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 26

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 12 p.m., GSA, room 111

Tuesday, January 28

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., Deacons, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

- 5:45 p.m., GSA, Room, Room 108

Sunday, February 2

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- Following The worship service, LIFT: Living in Faith Together program

Looking ahead:

Sunday, February 9, Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 13, Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, February 16, pre-confirmation meeting after worship

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