



For now we see
in a mirror, dimly,
but then we will
see face to face.
Now I know
only in part; then
I will know fully,
even as I have
been fully known.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 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 693

Words of Welcome

Prelude "A Celebration Fanfare" Stephen Best

Call to Worship

This is God's commandment:

***that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.***

All who obey his commandments abide in him
and he abides in them.

***By this we know that he abides in us,
by the Spirit that he has given us.***

* Hymn 459 "O Word of God Incarnate"

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: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (OT, p. 698)

Psalter: Psalm 71:1-6 (Hymnal 813)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Love Never Fails" J. A. C. Redford
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NT, p. 175)
Sermon: "Only in Part" Rev. Carter
Sermon Series: *Wintering in Corinth*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song "A Canticle of Love"
Faith, hope, and love abide, and the greatest of these is love.

* 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.***

Offering

Offertory "Gigue" Douglas Wagner

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Toccata" Douglas Wagner

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 by the Farrell Family to the glory of God and in honor of their Grandparents.

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	Will Beichler

The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread option, that is placed in the middle of each bread plate. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free "communion packs" can be found in a basket at the back of the 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 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, Jeanette, Dennis V., Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Ann, Tim, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Garnecki family, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Scott's family, Judy, Dr. Smeraldi, Evelyn, Wayne, Clark family, Candace.

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. Then there was COVID. Many of you use the directory online but we would also like to have a professionally printed church directory.

We will take pictures during Fellowship Hour through the end of February for those who would like their picture updated and for those who never had a photo submitted. You may also submit your own photo.

Please speak with or call JoAnn Hall or Jeanne DeVirgilis 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, post-graduate, or military loved ones!** Please send your loved one's name and address to Grace Farrell at office@fpccs.org or (570) 586-6306. 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. In keeping with the Super Bowl theme, **we invite you to bring "football snacks" to share:** chips and dips, nachos, wings, and your favorite treat.

Give to Disaster Relief--U.S. Wildfires

Our hearts are with all who have been affected by **the devastating wildfires** in California. The PC(USA) affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, 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 offering to enable a significant response for U.S. wildfires. To give by phone, call 800-728-7228, ext. 5885. To send a check, 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.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 2

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15, LIFT: Living in Faith Together program, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 4

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 7 p.m., Mission and Justice, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, February 5

- 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, February 6

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 5 p.m., Finance, Room 209
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music and Arts, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Room 209
- 7 p.m., Christian Education Committee, Room 206

Sunday, February 9

SouperBowl collection

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship time. Bring "football" snacks to share.

Looking ahead:

Thursday, February 13, Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, February 16, pre-confirmation meeting after worship

Sunday, March 2, Mardi Gras!

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Sunday, February 9 isn't just the Big Game...
it's a big opportunity to help hungry neighbors in need!
Remember to bring your donation to church on
Souper Bowl Sunday or check fpcs.org for online donation
information.



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 to the right.