



**First Presbyterian Church  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 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 251

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

***Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?***

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

***But thanks be to God,***

***who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

\* Hymn 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*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: Luke 6:27-38 (NT, p. 64)

Psalter: Psalm 37 (Hymn 706, to the tune of Truro 772)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Awake, Thou Wintry Earth”

Katherine K. Davis

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:21-28 (NT, p. 176)

Sermon: "All Alive, in Time"

Rev. Carter

*Sermon Series: Wintering in Corinth*

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 247 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

\* 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

"Westminster Abbey"

arr. Richard Baker

\* Doxology (606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 251 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"Thaxted"

arr. John Behnke

(*Jupiter* from "The Planets" Gustav Holst)

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given to the Glory of God by Jeanette Stauffer in memory of her mother.

## **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

Trumpeter

Jeff Leas

Liturgist

Barbara Norton

Ushers

Bill Keller, Jack Pittman

**Church of the Epiphany**, 25 Church Hill Rd., Glenburn, is having a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on March 4, 5-7 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Dalton Food Pantry.

### **This Week at a Glance**

Sunday, February 23

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

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Deacons, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, February 26

- 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, February 27

- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 108

Sunday, March 2                      Mardi Gras

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., We Worship Together

### **Looking ahead:**

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 16, The Lyric Consort presents Irish music for St. Patrick's Day

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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 spreading the good news, calling the disciples, and living God's way.

**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 be 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, Ann, Tim, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Judy, family of Dr. Smeraldi, Evelyn, Wayne, Clark family, Candace, Jen, Terry, the Tolpa family

**2025 Flower calendar:** There are still a number of available weeks for individuals, families, and church committees to donate flowers for the worship service. Please email [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org) or call 570-586-6306 and Karis or Rebekah Naehar will contact you.

**The next Mobile Food Pantry** takes place Thursday, March 13. Pre-registration is required at [fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com) or 570-586-6306.

**S-O-U-P-E-R BOWL UPDATE:** \$410 to help tackle hunger.

Our next program in the **We Worship Together** series takes place **next Sunday, March 2**, after worship for children through grade 6. We'll be talking about Lent. Have you wondered, "Why do we have to get ready for 40 days before Easter?" "What are we supposed to do during that time?" Come next Sunday to find out.

**Lent is a time for reflection and prayer that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5.** As we enter this holy season, we encourage you to take time individually and as a family to explore the meaning of Lent. Families can pick up a Lent bag filled with devotions, activity and reflection suggestions, and more. There are two versions available, both for families with children and for those without.

**Take your Lent activity bag home today.** (Please, 1 bag per household.)



**ARTS at First Presbyterian has three exciting performances on the calendar for March and April.**

**Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m., The Lyric Consort** presents Irish music for St Patrick's Day. This a cappella vocal group led by Chris Gallo was founded by Dr. Alan Baker in 1993 and performs beautiful vocal music for unaccompanied voices.

**Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m., a Tuba Recital** will be presented by renowned British tuba player Will Druiett. Druiett has appeared on recitals throughout Europe, USA, and Asia. Recently Will was invited to perform as a soloist as part of the 79th Vienna Philharmonic Ball in the Musikverein.

**Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m., An Evening with the Seraph Brass**

“The next Canadian Brass” is how critics describe this quintet of the world’s best brass players. Don’t miss this outstanding ensemble as they return to NEPA. They will raise the roof!

**Arts at First Presbyterian is looking for a host home or homes for two female musicians for the April 5 concert.** The host would need to house the individual(s) on Saturday evening and provide breakfast on Sunday morning. The host would also need to provide transportation from church to your home after the concert and back to church Sunday morning. The only requirements are a separate room and a pet-free and smoke-free home.

If interested, please contact the webmaster at [webmaster@fpccs.org](mailto:webmaster@fpccs.org), or contact the office at 570-586-6306.

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