



Blessed are you !

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First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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 175
Words of Welcome

Prelude "Fairest, Lord Jesus" arr. Robert Hobby
Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NT, p. --)

Psalter: Psalm 15 (Hymn 419)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Offertory”

John Ness Beck

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "The Politics of Vulnerability"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Waking Up to Grace

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 372

“O for a World”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Minute for Per Capita Offering

Offering

Offertory

“Blessed Assurance”

arr.

Marianne Kim

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 852

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“O For a Thousand Tongues”

arr. Robert Hobby

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

* All who are able shall stand.

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of John Conklin by his daughters Christine, Terri, and Tammy

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.**



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	Bob Taylor
Ushers	Jack Pittman and Gwynne Gilbert

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 each Sunday 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.

Adult Education meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206. The study is currently working through the opening chapters of the Gospel of Matthew.

Presbyter and Weekly E-Mail – W Stay up to date on our weekly e-mail and the monthly Presbyter newsletter. Do you have happenings to share? Deadline for weekly newsletter 3 pm Monday. Email Joy at office@fpccs.org.

2026 Offering Envelopes: there are a few boxes left if you did not get your envelopes check with Joy in the office.

Our Nominating Team is beginning its work to seek elders and deacons. Have an idea? Nominating forms are in the Narthex and can be returned to the manila envelope on the hallway bulletin board.

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: Debbie, Molly, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina, Jane & Family

Flowers, please check the flower poster next to the Pastor's office dates are still available.

Clarks Summit Festival of Ice

January 30 thru February 1, 2026

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

- Ice Sculpture on display outside the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Photography and Art Show in the Session Room- Friday 4-7 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 9-12 am
- Friday evening 6-7 p.m. - Guitarists Roy and Mike Williams in the sanctuary with violinist Mark Woodyatt.
- Saturday, 11 am - 1 pm - Chili Cafe in Fellowship Hall with entertainment by piano students of Michelle Triaca
- Saturday, 1 pm - Drum Circle led by Cheryl Mozdian in the sanctuary

Arts at First Presbyterian 2026 events

Save the Dates:

- Saturday, February 7, 2026, 4:00 pm - Silent Movie with organist Dan Brownell
- Sunday, March 15, 2026, 4:00 pm - Jazz with the Presbybop Blue Note Jazztet
- Sunday, April 26, 2025, 4:00 pm - A Classical Bouquet with Nate Worrell
- Friday, May 15, 2025, 7:00 pm - An Evening of Broadway with Tim Shew

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 1

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Clarks
- 11:00 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 3

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6:15 p.m., Choir practice
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111
- 7 p.m., Mission Justice

Wednesday, February 4

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer & Share
- 6 p.m., Adult Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111

Thursday, February 5

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast
- 4 p.m., Finance
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music and Arts
- 7 p.m., Buildings and Grounds
- 7 p.m., Christian Ed

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

- 9:45 a.m., OA
- 4 p.m., Arts, Silent Movie with Organist Dan Brownell

Sunday, February 8

- 10 a.m., Worship The World's Greatest Sermon
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

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