



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
 Prelude "The First Noel" arr. Craig Curry
 Welcome and Announcements
 Choral Call to Worship "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" JEFFERSON
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship from Luke 1, Romans 16
 My soul magnifies the Lord;
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
 The mystery of the ages is now revealed.
To God be the glory forever! Amen.
 Let us worship God.

Candle Lighting and Responsive Litany for Advent from Isaiah
 We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears in to pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child will lead them.
 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child.
She shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."
 Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

+Opening Hymn # 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Prayer of Confession
God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen. Moment for Silent Meditation.

Congregational Prayer Response: ***The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth, when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth. My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land and you will be delivered by my almighty hand. From Hymn # 357 (vs. 1)***

Assurance of Forgiveness
 Anthem "Beautiful Light" Shackley

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God

Hebrew Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5a (p. 815)
The Magnificat: Luke 1:46b-55 (p. 53-54)
New Testament: Hebrews 10:5-10 (p. 210)
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (p. 53)

Children's Message

Sermon "Meek and Mild" Reverend B.J. Chain

+Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri, # 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 99 "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" MORNING SONG
 (vs 1, 3, 5)

Prayer of the People
 Call for the Offering
 Offertory

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" arr. Rick Barham

+Doxology # 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS
 (vs 1, 2, 4)

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Matthews

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Mims
Health Concerns

Jon & Dorothy Fortman
Health Concerns

Toni Oakes
(Ed Oakes' Sister)
Health Concerns

Ginny Oakes
(Ed Oakes' Mother)
Health Concerns

Bonnie Boyd
Health Concerns

Allison L. Jones
(Scott Jones' Mother)
Health Concerns

Amy Sullivan
(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)
Health Concerns

Lyla Fulton (2 Years Old)
(Holly Longton's Great Niece)
Cancer Diagnosis

Ronnie Richardson
(Taylor Richardson's Father)
Health Concerns

Desiree Krieger
Recovery from back surgery

Patty Jones Family
Prayer Concerns for Family

The Family of James Pope
(Family Friend)
Prayer Request

Susan Smith
Recovery from Knee Surgery

Becky Owings & Family
On the loss of John Owings

Jim Loveland
Holly Longton's Father
Recovery from Stroke

Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so.

Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

Restrooms are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

Today

4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship

Monday

Office & PCDP Closed

Tuesday

Office & PCDP Closed

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday

Merry Christmas!

Office & PCDP Closed

No Bible Study

Thursday

Office & PCDP Closed

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday

Office & PCDP Closed

Next Sunday

1st Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Helping Hands

Blankets

Peanut Butter

Boxed Cereal

Canned Chili

Canned Soups

Chef Boyardee Items

Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator Hope DeVenney, Clerk

Class of 2025

Collene Albright-3

Hope Devenney-4

Taylor Richardson-2

Tom Richardson-3

Class of 2026

Maridith Geuder-1

Tori Pumphrey-4

Lezli Waits-4

Steve Wilkes-2

Class of 2027

Fran Brown-1

Marthalie Porter-1

Steve Porter-2

Susan Smith-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Diaconate

Class of 2025

Dorothy Fortman-1

Hillary Richardson-3

Anna Jones -4

Class of 2026

Hope Oakes-3

Eric Waits-4

Sue Hatcher-3

Class of 2027

Lee Hackett-1

Mary Nelson-1

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

Last Sunday's Attendance: 70

The Office & PCDP will be closed December 23– January 3.
Both will reopen on January 6th.

Helping Hands Blanket Drive

Blankets will be accepted for the colder temperatures of the winter for those in need.

New blankets may be dropped off in the education building. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please reference Helping Hands-Blanket Drive.

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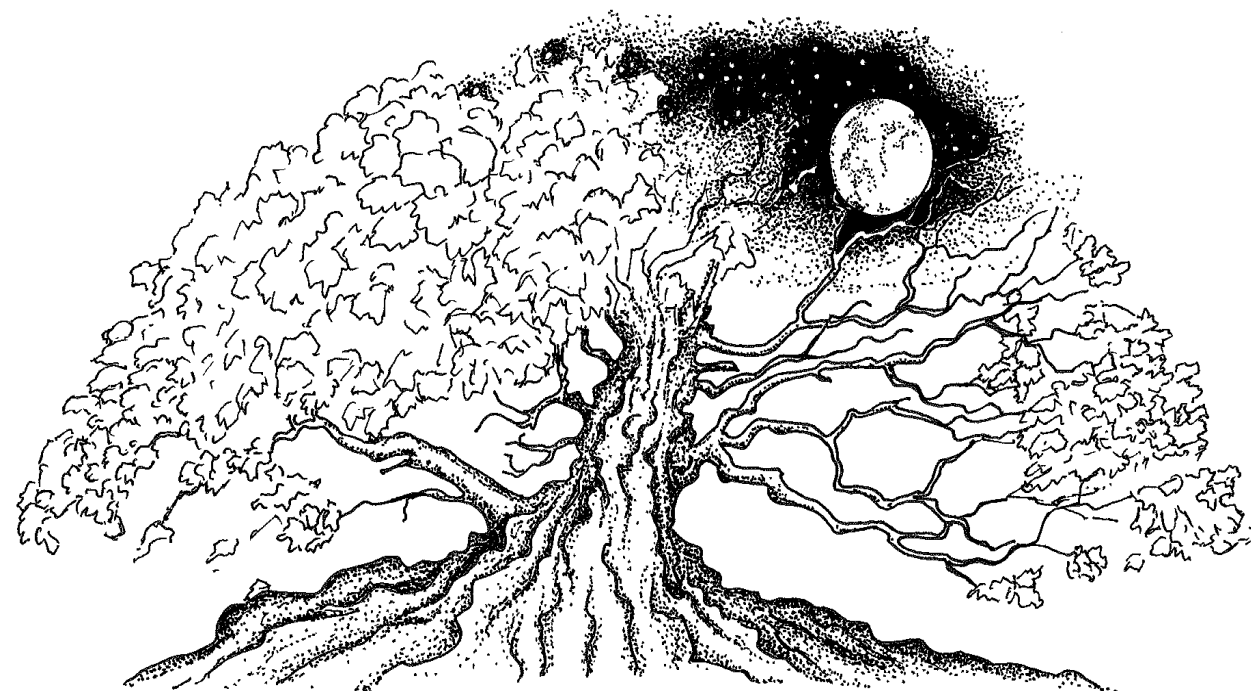
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Meek and Mild”

Reverend B.J. Chain
December 22, 2024

