



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Kelsey

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship  
In the beginning was the Word of God;  
**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**  
Blessed is the Lord our God,  
**And blessed is Jesus Christ our Savior.**  
Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Confession  
**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**  
*Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: ***Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.***  
*From Hymn # 183 (vs 1)*

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "The Work of Christmas" Forrest

Passing of the Peace

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20  
Gospel: John 1:(1-9) 10-18

*Children's Message*

Sermon "Grace Upon Grace" Reverend Buren Blankenship

+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

Prayer of the People  
Call for the Offering "A Prayer of Need" Rodriguez  
Offertory  
+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.**

+Communion Hymn # 530 "One Bread, One Body" ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Invitation to the Lord's Table  
Great 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.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 147 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL  
(vs. 1, 4)  
+Charge and Blessing  
+Postlude "O Worship the King" Kraus

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so  
**Please join in unison reading of the bold print**

## 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.*

## 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

#### 2nd Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Communion Worship

### Monday

#### Epiphany of the Lord

6:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Lee Hackett's House

### Wednesday

12:30 p.m.

Bible Study

5:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

### Saturday

8:00 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Next Sunday

#### Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service

3:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women  
Gathering

## 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

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## Helping Hands

Blankets are now being accepted in preparation for the cooler temperatures of fall and winter.

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.

Immediate Needs: Peanut Butter, Macaroni & Cheese, Oatmeal or Grits Packets, Boxed Cereal.

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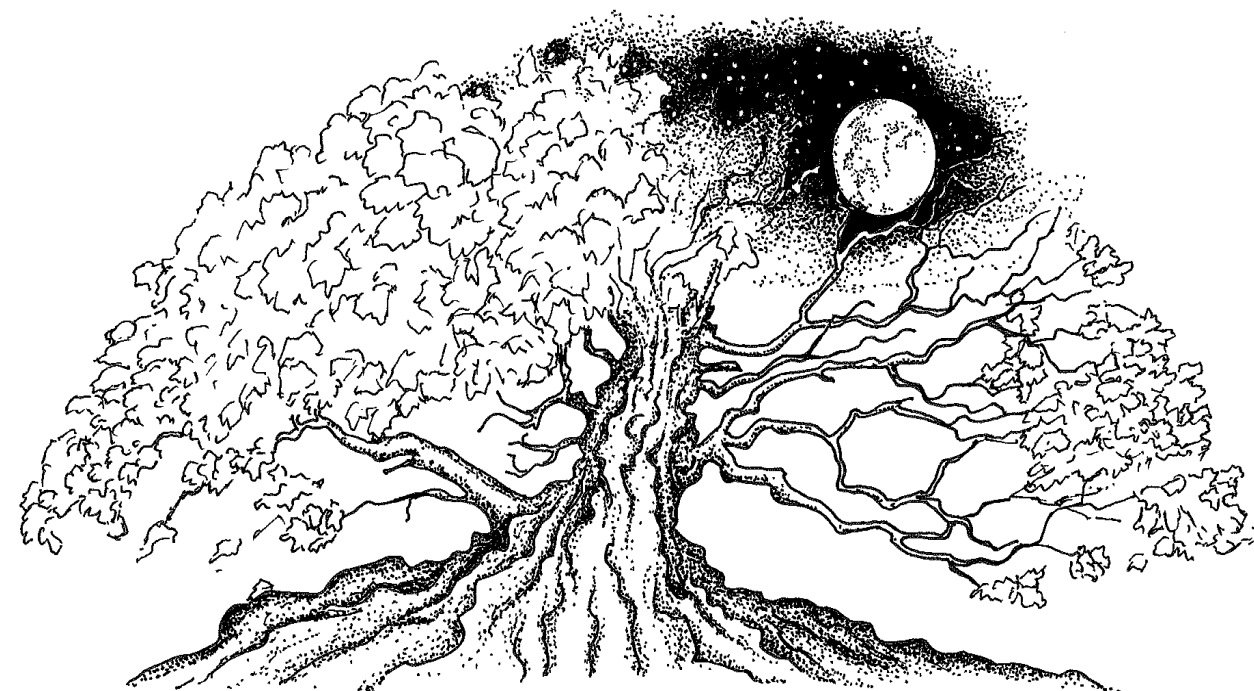
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with  
God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Grace Upon Grace”

Reverend Buren Blankenship

January 5, 2025

