



**A SCOUT IS REVERENT**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 8, 2026

Prelude ..... "Prelude III" ..... George Oldroyd

Presenting the Colors ..... Scouts, Troop 1

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... "Come, Let Us Worship God" ..... Donald Kettring

Call to Worship ..... Scouts, Troop 1

Come, all who are weary, worn down, and waiting for healing.

**We come longing for wholeness and hope.**

Jesus asks, "Do you want to be made well?"

**We open our hearts to grace that restores and renews.**

Rise, take up your mat, and walk into new life.

**We come ready to be changed. Let us worship God.**

Opening Prayer ..... Scouts, Troop 1

Holy God, you meet us in our brokenness and speak life where we have grown used to despair.

Stir our hope, strengthen our courage, and help us rise into the healing you offer. As we worship, open us to your love, that we may walk in new ways of justice, compassion, and joy.

**Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 461 ..... "God Is Here!" ..... ABBOT'S LEIGH

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Healing God, we confess that we often remain stuck in fear, habit, and comfort, even when you invite us into new life. We have walked past those waiting for justice and turned away from suffering that makes us uncomfortable. Forgive us, restore us, and help us rise. Teach us to walk in love, compassion, and grace.**

(A moment of silent personal confession)

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 579

**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. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination ..... Scouts, Troop 1

First Scripture Reading ..... John 4:46-54 ..... NT Page 96

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem ..... "Come, Sing a Song of Joy!" ..... Patti Drennan

Second Scripture Reading ..... John 5:1-9 ..... NT Page 96

Sermon ..... Do You Want to Be Made Well? ..... Rev. Leslie Roper

\* Hymn ..... "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ..... KINGSFOLD



1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;

2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give

3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa-ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I

I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my

I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.

thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.

in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's Creed ..... Scouts, Troop 1  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings ..... Scouts, Troop 1

Offertory ..... “*Meditation*” ..... Paul F. Page

\* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ..... Hymn 592

**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 Dedication ..... Scouts, Troop 1

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Unison) ..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16

**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.**

\* Closing Hymn No. 538.... “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*” ..... SICILIAN MARINERS

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude ..... “*The Golden Trumpet*” ..... Lani Smith

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.  
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jamie Williams in honor of the First Presbyterian Church staff.

**There will be a brief called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 15,** following worship for the purpose of approving updated terms of call for Rev. Roper.

**Ashes to Ashes...** Your worship committee invites you to take part in one of the most meaningful services of our Christian year- the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00 p.m. Beginning our observance of Lent, the season of preparation for Easter, Ash Wednesday is a time when we admit that our lives are finite and short, and that they belong in the loving care of our Master and Lord. It is a time when we are honest about ourselves, sins and all, and take comfort in knowing that God loves us just the way we are. Whether this is part of your regularly spiritual routine or it would be your first time, make plans now to attend. You will not regret it.



**Family Night Supper** has been moved to Ash Wednesday, February 18. Come have breakfast for dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and then head to the Sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m.

**Lenten Worship and Lunch Series is Coming Back!** The annual Lenten Worship and Lunch series is quickly approaching. The series will take place each Monday during Lent, with worship beginning at 12:05 p.m. and a simple lunch served right after at 12:35 p.m. The hope is that even those who are on a lunch hour from work will be able to come and be fed, both spirit and body, in our time together. More reminders will come as the time gets closer, but if you want to get the schedule on your calendar, here it is. Take note that we host on March 30, so keep your calendar clear! See bulletin insert for the complete schedule.

**Welcome Visitors!** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!** The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

**Save your Dimes!** All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>February 1</b> Melissa Cantacuzene Jackson Florini-Parker Bill Pathmann Jonas Westmoreland	<b>February 14</b> Adlee Muzny	<b>February 24</b> Dawn Cattaneo Barbara Keys Tatum Rice
<b>February 2</b> Elissa Poole Jordan Roper	<b>February 15</b> David Mills Neil Simmons	<b>February 25</b> Mary James
<b>February 3</b> Theo Byrne	<b>February 16</b> Randall Pierce	<b>February 27</b> Darin Garner
<b>February 4</b> Ashley Hopkins Sally Pierce	<b>February 17</b> Ian Poole June Scully	<b>February 28</b> Ian Aipperspach Amanda Davis Jan Kelley
<b>February 5</b> Cora Mills	<b>February 18</b> Brenda Brandenburg	<b>February 29</b> Stanley Grise
<b>February 9</b> Judy Forrester Darlene Sellars Jennifer Winston	<b>February 20</b> Jay Patterson	
	<b>February 21</b> Jamie Williams	
	<b>February 23</b> Stephanie Poole	



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<b>February 15</b> Peggy and Don Leonhard
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*We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.*



# Calendar *of Events*

## **Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Office Lunch Hour:**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, February 8**

9:30 a.m.    Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m.    Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.    Worship  
11:30 a.m.    Deacon Meeting  
11:30 a.m.    Handbells

### **Monday, February 9**

9:00 a.m.    Bargain Box Marking  
12:00 p.m.    PW Coordinating Team Meeting  
5:00 p.m.    Whittington Valley Neighborhood Assoc.

### **Wednesday, February 11**

10:30 a.m.    Women's Bible Study  
12:00 p.m.    Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 12**

9:00 a.m.    PW Mission Sewing Project

### **Friday, February 13**

9:00 a.m.    P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

### **Saturday, February 14**

10:00 a.m.    Living Last Supper Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m.    Carolyn Tennyson Memorial Service

### **Sunday, February 15**

9:30 a.m.    Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m.    Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.    Worship  
11:30 a.m.    Brief Congregational Meeting  
11:30 a.m.    Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m.    Handbells  
3:00 p.m.    Sigma Alpha Beta Musicale  
5:30 p.m.    Spa City Youth

**There are a few openings on The 2026 Flower Chart!** Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. ***Cost is \$38.50***

**Prayer Requests:** Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, [jsar43@gmail.com](mailto:jsar43@gmail.com) / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, [paulpatmills@yahoo.com](mailto:paulpatmills@yahoo.com) / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office [office@firstpreshotsprings.org](mailto:office@firstpreshotsprings.org). A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*

*Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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# *Songs for the Journey:*

## Praying the Psalms through Lent

Each Monday in Lent, you are invited to gather as a faith community. Worship begins in the host sanctuary at 12:05pm and a simple lunch follows.

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with Rev. Leslie Roper

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with Rev. David Fleming

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