

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
We are thrilled to have you here.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

Prelude If You Will Only Let God Guide You

ARR. ROBERT GRAHAM

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

*Call to Worship: (responsive)

Come in.
Feel your feet on the floor.
Settle your worries.
Take a deep breath.
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.
Relax the tension in your jaw,

for Christ is here,
God never stops seeking us.

We have been found.

Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters.

Amen.

*Morning Prayer

***Opening Hymn** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#223/HAMBURG

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.

Over and over again we stand slack-jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

*Words of Forgiveness

Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.

And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

Church family, hear and believe this good news: You can make a thousand bad impressions. You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart.

That is the good news of the gospel. We will rest, celebrate, and trust in that. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Danny Cook

First Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Great Is the Lord

BY STAN PETHEL

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up Your voice
Great is the Lord

Time with the Young Disciples

Pastor Andy

All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.

Second Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Response

#833/ST. MARGARET

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Lenten Psalm

BY WIHLA HUTSON

*Doxology

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

#757/KINGSFOLD

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

ANONYMOUS

*Choral Benediction

God Is So Good

BY TARQUINO MERULA

*Postlude:

Capriccio

Thank you to Danny Cook for serving as liturgist and to Elisabeth & Ron Zimmerman for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: Holy God, as this day surrounds me like a garden with a thousand trees, give me enough knowledge to obey your commandments, and to choose the fruit that gives life: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer: Where can I hide from you, O God? You have found me here, stained with the fruit of desire, shivering in the evening breeze. This is all I ask: wrap me in your mercy, and let me rest in your presence; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Please Remember in Prayer

<u>Church Family</u>	<u>Friends of Church</u>	<u>Bereavement</u>
Margaret Addison		The Wardlaw family
Laura Ashley	Stuart Britt	The Threatt family
Neile Chambers	Andy Dill	Latha Gearheart & family
P-Nut Dowdle	Nancy Hope	Cindy Jacobs & family
Steve Floyd	Julie Young Keadle	Sonya Atkinson & family
Gin Jacobs	Kim Purcell	Pam Warren & family
Liz Pinzon		Marvine & Bill Tyler
Dot Smith		Danny & Hunt Cook



The congregation extends love and sympathy to Danny and Hunt Cook at the passing of their beloved family friend, Nancy B. Arnold. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Thanksgiving for the Life of Mrs. Arnold will be held in the chapel this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo)

This prayer list will be updated quarterly. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list, please contact the church office – 833-1062.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Marty Ademy	Lee Atkinson	Austin Barnes
Emily Holder	Danny Cook	Cyndi Coker
Bob Link	Amanda Donley	Charlie Gustafson
Holbrook Raynal	Chad Gambrell	Harold Nichols
Andy Sullivan	Jean Johnson	Ashley Powell
Stan Walsh	Bob McLean	Jettie Young

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 22

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (Adults & Youth meet in Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service
11:30 a.m. – Stated Session Meeting (library)
4:00 p.m. – Memorial Service and Celebration of the Life of Nancy B. Arnold (FPC Chapel)

Monday, February 23

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

9:30 a.m. – The Classics CLC Gym walk
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit information for Steeple People Newsletter

Wednesday, February 25

4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Sunday bulletin
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir practice
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir practice

Thursday, February 26

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Mah Jongg tutorial hosted by The Classics (CLC Dining Room) All are welcome to attend!
4:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit announcements for Worship News

Friday, February 27 – Church office closed



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