



A Service for the Worship of God | Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 10:45am  
*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**.....*Sarabande*.....Gregory Hamilton

**INTROIT**.....*What Does the Lord Require*.....Erik Routley

The Sanctuary Choir

*What does the Lord require for praise and offering?*

*What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?*

*Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*based on Micah 6:1-8*

The Lord does not ask for endless sacrifices or offerings meant to impress.

**What does the Lord require of us?**

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

**Let us worship the Lord with faithful hearts and willing lives.**

† **HYMN, No. 630**.....*Fairest Lord Jesus*.....CRUSADERS' HYMN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us blessed in ways that unsettle us. You name the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers as citizens of your kingdom. Yet we confess that we often chase other blessings. We seek success more than faithfulness, comfort more than compassion, power more than humility. We turn away from those who mourn, grow impatient with the meek, and avoid the hard work of justice and peace. Forgive us, O God.

Teach us again what it means to live humbly with you, to love mercy, and to do justice in your world. Amen.

*(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)*

**RESPONSE, No. 475**.....*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*.....NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous! Thanks be to God!**

† **GLORIA PATRI**.....*Glory Be to the Father*.....MEINEKE

*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.*

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Parents are invited to bring their children forward for a time with children.*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN**.....Lynace Veit

Children: God be with you as you stay.

**Congregation: God be with you as you go.**

*Children may exit at this time. Parents of children ages 3 years and younger may take their children to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. Children 4 years old through first grade may exit for Worship Center on the third floor, Room 322.*

**RESPONSE, No. 480**.....*Take Me to the Water*.....TAKE ME TO THE WATER

*I love Jesus. I love Jesus.*

*I love Jesus, yes, I do.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING**.....Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 816 | Large Print, page 1060

*Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.*

SECOND READING.....Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4 | Large Print, page 4

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....*The Call to Follow*.....Rev. Brent Anderson

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL**

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† HYMN, No. 506.....*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*.....COPELAND

**MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING**

OFFERTORY.....*Blest Are the Pure in Heart*.....H. Walford Davies  
The Sanctuary Choir

<i>Blest are the pure in heart,</i>	<i>Still to the lowly soul,</i>
<i>For they shall see our God</i>	<i>He doth himself impart</i>
<i>The secret of the Lord is theirs,</i>	<i>And for his dwelling and his throne</i>
<i>Their soul is Christ's abode</i>	<i>Chooseth the pure in heart</i>

† DOXOLOGY, No. 606.....OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

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...**

*... joining our voices with the church on earth and the saints in every generation, singing to the glory of your name::*

Man. I  
Man. II

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

\*Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain.

*...almighty God, now and forever. Amen.*

\*A - men, a -  
men, a - men.

## 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 this is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN, No. 372.....*O for a World*.....AZMON

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RESPONSE, No. 480.....*Take Me to the Water*.....TAKE ME TO THE WATER

*Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.*

*Glory hallelujah to be baptized.*

† POSTLUDE.....*Sonata in D Major*.....Domenico Scarlatti

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
D. Thomason.*

Ushers: Laura Williamson, Mark Williamson, Mary Teekell, Gray Teekell

Worship Center: Kristen Ogden, Brantley Hodges

## WORSHIP NOTES

**WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS.** This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome into the fellowship of this congregation Denise Burnham and Cabot Clarke.



**WE WARMLY WELCOME CHILDREN** as a vital part of our worshiping community! We understand that every family is different, and we strive to support each one in the way that fits them best. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship, and we offer worship bags and children's Bibles to help engage them in meaningful ways. Worship Center, a Montessori-based approach to worship, is available for 4-year-olds -1st graders following the Time with Children. Childcare is offered in the CE building when needed. In addition, a comfort room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, equipped with a speaker so you can listen to the service while caring for your child.

### **PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:**

Martha Fitch, Joy Young, Zama Dexter, Jean and Jerry Sayres, Jean Mendenhall,  
Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally,  
Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Vernon Chance, Claudia Engi, Jan Melton

*Please keep the church staff updated on those who are listed.*

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:**

Mary Blackman and family, family of Marilyn Gallagher, Mary Anne Selber,  
Anne Jenkins and family, Peggy Guilbert and family, Marilyn Madison and family,  
Glenn Jackson, family of Jean Carroll, Amy Bowman and family, Susan Lavergne and family,  
Brian Carberry and family, Mary Bush and family, Mary Jane Lowder and family,  
Bob Neff and family, Pam Naifeh and family

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING:**

Ryan Markham, U.S. Navy; Jennifer Markham, U.S. Navy;  
Reed Markham, U.S. Army; Evan Akers, U.S. Army; Josh Freidel, U.S. Navy;  
Evan Richey, U.S. Navy; James Giddens, U.S. Army

**WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2025**  
**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, February 1**

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. –Worship Service – In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website:

<https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

Legacy Giving Congregational Luncheon in the Gym After Worship

5:00 p.m. – Club 345 - Gym

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Fourth Floor Youth Space

**MONDAY, February 2**

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

10:00 a.m. – PW Council Meeting – PW Suite

12:00 p.m. - AA

6:00 p.m. – Circle 9 – Carole Mullen’s Home

**TUESDAY, February 3**

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, February 4**

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

**THURSDAY, February 5**

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

9:30 a.m. – SOX performance, “Ralph the Rat” - Sanctuary

6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**FRIDAY, February 6**

7:00 a.m. – Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Gym

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. - AA

**SUNDAY, February 8**

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service – In-Person – Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website:

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PNC Congregational Luncheon in the Gym After Worship

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Fourth Floor Youth Space



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

Join us for a Men's Breakfast  
on the first Friday of the month  
7:00-8:00am in the gym.

**FRIDAY,  
FEB 6, 2026**

**PLEASE RSVP BY FEB 3RD**

THIS MONTH'S SCRIPTURE: Romans 9:30-10:21

Breakfast | Fellowship | Bible Study



SAVE the  
DATE  
FEB 8TH  
2026

A CONGREGATIONAL  
CONVERSATION  
**YOU ARE  
INVITED**

OUR PNC will be hosting a lunch  
to gather information from congregants  
before we begin looking for a pastor.

ON FEBRUARY 8 we will focus on who  
we are as a congregation and where we are  
headed. Anyone who considers themselves a  
part of the FPC community is welcome and invited!

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your spot and order a box lunch.



FOR ANYONE BETWEEN AGE 18 AND 30 "ISH"

**YOUNG  
adults!**

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**SUNDAY EVENINGS**  
connecting with young adults @FPC!  
**SUNDAY EVENINGS 6-8PM**  
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

Meet on 3rd floor in Journeys Classroom 333  
Dinner is included! Let us know you are coming!  
Questions? Contact Kelly Hodgson

**MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS:  
DESIGN SPRINT CURRICULUM**



THE UNIVERSITY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTS:

**Stars & Stripes**

SONGS TO CELEBRATE AMERICA  
WITH THE SHREVEPORT OPERA XPRESS

The Resident Artists from the SOX Program (Shreveport Opera Xpress)  
will be performing songs to celebrate the 250th birthday of America!  
We welcome this season's SOX performers as they serenade you with opera  
favorites, patriotic tunes, and music composed by American artists.

**FEBRUARY 10TH 6:00PM**  
AT THE ROBINSON FILM CENTER  
617 TEXAS STREET | SHREVEPORT

Cost is \$50/person for dinner, buffet and performance.  
Seating is limited | Reservations are required.  
Call First Presbyterian Church at 318-222-0604.  
FPCSHREVEPORT.ORG

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