

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
David Parris	Sound
Becky Meadema	Liturgist
Jackie Rochford	Security, side door and offering
Randy Brooks	Greeter
Team 1	Wednesday Night Dinner

First Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2024

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Pastorale"* G. Sammartini

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls wait in silence;

our hope rests in God

our rock

our salvation

our refuge.

We will not be shaken.

In this time of worship,

we pour out our hearts

because we trust in God's steadfast love.

INVOCATION

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

HYMN *"For You Alone My Soul In Stillness Waits"* **GTG#89**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21 Called Session Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

January 22 Christian Education Committee at 4:30 p.m.

January 23 Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.

January 24 Wednesday Night Dinner and Youth Activities at 6p.m.

January 25 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

January 27 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Menu for Wednesday Night:: Chili, Cornbread, Salad and Dessert

The Scholarship Committee will be soon be announcing the application guidelines and deadlines for this year's scholarships. If you or someone you know will be applying, begin now gathering your supporting documents:

- Transcript for 2023-24 year or high school transcript
- Statement of Faith
- Two Letters of Recommendation

Details and Deadlines coming soon

List of Session members by Class

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*

Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Meadows

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

HOUSE OF HOPE

House of Hope is an emergency homeless shelter for adults and children. It was incorporated in 2009 to provide immediate, emergency shelter to Danville Area citizens experiencing housing difficulties. In 2022, the City of Danville granted funds to expand the shelter, creating a second section, Norma's Place, designed to exclusively serve women and children. In January 2023, Norma's Place, was opened serving up to 16 people per night. Meanwhile, the initial section was rededicated as Phil and Fran's Place with 18 beds for men and children as well as 2 units targeted for larger families. The result: in 2023, attendance at the expanded shelter almost doubled, as 360 different adults and 34 children found emergency shelter at the House of Hope. Most remained multiple nights at the facility. While at the shelter, families received dinner and breakfast, personal hygiene supplies, access to showers and washing machines, access to computers for developing resumes and applying to jobs, and case management to help guests define needs, access needed services, and secure more permanent housing. The unavailability of adequate housing, especially among poorer adults, is growing at an alarming rate in our region. For this reason, First Presbyterian Church annually supports House of Hope as one of its local missions. In 2024, a room at House of Hope will be named for First Presbyterian Church in honor of our continued support.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given to The Glory of God
and in loving memory of*

Pat Bolt, Buck Collins, Sarah Collins and Tom Collins

by the Family

Prayer of Approach and Confession

(based on Psalm 62: 5-12, Jonah 3, Mark 1:14-20)

The words of the psalm describe you, O God, as hope, as salvation, as shelter. We who hear these healing words are invited to put all our confidence in you, to pour out our hearts to you, knowing that you hear.

Hear us now, O God, as we gather to worship and to praise you.

Forgive us when we listen to the voices which tell us to put our trust in whatever institution can increase our wealth; in whatever breakfast food can expand our brainpower, in whatever mode of transport can get us anywhere faster, cheaper, more comfortably. Renew our trust in you and help us to use this time to deepen our relationship with you and to re-align our priorities with yours.

Hear us now, Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather to worship and to praise you.

Forgive us when we are reluctant disciples, and renew our desire to follow you even if, like those first disciples, it means having the direction of our lives completely changed.

Forgive us when we forget that we do not have to do everything in our own power when challenged to take risks of faith.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us now, as we can only offer true worship and provide faithful discipleship when we are empowered by you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we are reconciled through Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

RESPONSE

“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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.
(Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20)

OFFERTORY

“How Firm a Foundation”

Funk/Walz

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

“Just As I Am, I Come”

Johnson/Bradbury

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment. Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture. Open our ears, O God, that we might understand your promises to followers both old and young, ancient and modern. Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

SERMON

“Follow Me”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

HYMN

“The Summons”

GTG#726

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in A Minor”

J.S. Bach

BENEDICTION