

# 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
Ray Beale	Sound
Jackie Rochford	Liturgist
C.B. Strange	Security, side door and offering
Randy Brooks	Greeter
Gail Jones and Barry Cutright	Communion
Team 3 in Charge	Dinner January 10

# First Presbyterian Church

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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**                      *"In the Bleak Midwinter"*                      Holst, arr. Dobrinski

### CALL TO WORSHIP

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God;  
**The holy habitation of the Most High.**  
The Lord pours forth rivers from bare mountains, and fountains in valleys' depths.  
**God opens rocks, and water gushes out.**  
On dry thirsty land God springs forth streams in the desert .

**INVOCATION** Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

**HYMN**                      *"Sing of God Made Manifest"*                      **GTG#156**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Even as we enter into the presence of God, we exclaim with Isaiah: "Woe is me, I am a person of unclean ways, dwelling among a tainted people." If we claim we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Trusting in the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord, let us pray, Lord, have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 9**    **Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.

**January 10**   **Wednesday Night Dinner and Youth** at 6p.m.

**January 11**   **Choir Rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

**Menu for Dinner:** Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert

### 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

# COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.**

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## *“Are You Looking for Jesus?”*

**Lyricist: Herbert Brokering (1926-2009) | Composer: Robert Wetzler (b. 1932)**

Are you looking for Jesus? Keep looking in awe.  
Seek and you'll find Him sleeping in straw.  
Feed a child who is hungry and cold through and through.  
If you're looking for Jesus, He'll be there for you.

Are you looking for Jesus? Come see in the cup;  
Look in the eyes when thirst looks up.  
Give a child who is thirsty a drink for a feast.  
You will find Jesus serving in midst of the least.

Are you looking for Jesus? Then look all around.  
Here on the earth Messiah is found.  
Hold a child who is lonely and silent as night.  
If you're looking for morning, love awakens the light.

Are you looking for Jesus? Then look anywhere.  
Find Him alive where someone needs care.  
Love a child who in spirit is seeking some place  
Where the wonder of Jesus brings fullness of grace.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity to grow among us, setting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you have made. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and stop our ears to cries for justice. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, Preferring, instead, the luring ways of the world. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us. Any-one who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

O Lord, we give you thanks with all we are for all you have done for us. In your di-vinity you have come to dwell with us in the muddy waters of humanity, and comingled your glory with our sin so that the ribbon of corrupting time is becoming a sparkling River of Life flowing through our days. Take all we are, Lord, and use it for your purpose. Bless the gifts we give this day that the church might stand as shining witnesses to your glory, planted by your living water to bring healing to all peoples. Use us as you will to the praise of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**ANTHEM**

*"Are You Looking for Jesus?"*

Wetzler/Brokering

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation’s birth, who descend-ed in the form of a dove at Jesus’ baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

**SERMON**

“Transformed in Baptism”

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**HYMN**

*“Spirit, Open My Heart”*

**GTG#692**

**WORDS OF INVITATION**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"*

H.P. Smith, arr. Berry

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Von Himmel Hoch”*

A.W. Leupold

**BENEDICTION**