

# 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

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Ray Beale	Sound
Becky Meadema	Liturgist
Barry Cutright	Security, side door and offering
Jackie Rochford	Greeter
Team 3	Wednesday Night Dinner 2/21

## BUDGET UPDATE

	Jan 24	YTD
Contributions	\$33,289.50	\$33,289.50
Expenditures	\$48,682.37	\$48,682.37
Difference	(\$15,392.87)	(\$15,392.87)

# First Presbyterian Church

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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

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      *“In a World Where Love Abides”*                      Carl Simone

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship him in spirit and truth.**

## INVOCATION

God of All Newness and Creation, even deep in the wilderness of Lent, we are nevertheless new creations in your sight. Even when we are deep within trials and tribulations, even there we are held within your loving embrace. In Christ, God is reconciling the world to himself. Come, Holy Spirit, that we might be trustworthy messengers of that spirit of reconciliation. Amen.

**HYMN**                      *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*                      **GTG #223**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 20**
- Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.
- February 21**
- Wednesday Night Dinner and Youth Activities** at 6 p.m.
- February 22**
- Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
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- Choir Rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.
- February 24**
- Men’s Breakfast** at 8:00 a.m.
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- Coldest Night of the Year** at 4:00 p.m. Please come walk with the FPC team or if you would like to make a contribution see Jackie Rochford or leave a contribution in the church office.

Menu: for February 21– Lasagna, Salad and Dessert

The **Membership Committee** is restarting the **VIP Committee**. If you can commit to visiting one or two of our VIP Shut-ins monthly, contact Jackie Rochford.

**Scholarship Applications** may be picked up at the church office. Guidelines for the application are printed on the form. The deadline for new and returning applicants is April 30. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

## Session:

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

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 Wimer

\*Denotes Steering Committee Members

*News from Our Missionaries in Cameroon*

Good news from Matthew and Teresa Lee! There will be three Lees in May as they are expecting their first child! What a blessing for these dedicated volunteers working so diligently to be God's hands and feet, translating the Bible and teaching kindergarten. Matthew has been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators for nearly 15 years. They have seen God moving powerfully and lives changed with translated New Testaments published, several Old Testament projects started, a dozen dictionaries published, and ministry partnerships established. Their church has grown to overflow its building.

Matthew also had a diagnosis for a medical issue when they were in Dallas in 2019, but it is being regulated with diet, exercise, and medication. In spite of that concern, he continues to serve in the following roles:

- Language Technology Consultant and Trainer
- Mentor in Language Technology
- Governing Board Member
- Leadership Team Member
- Paratext Prioritization Committee Member
- Visiting course instructor in two Dallas universities

We should continue to pray for their strong relationship with Christ, daily work and travel, relationships with the people of Cameroon, and especially Teresa's health in this precious time.

***“Shine On Us”***

By Michael W. Smith and Deborah Smith | Arr. Bruce Greer

Lord, let your light, light of Your face, shine on us.

*Refrain:* That we may be saved, that we may have life.

To find our way in the darkest night.

Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from Your hand, fall on us. *Refrain repeats.*

Let your grace fall on us. Fall on us.

Lord, let Your love, love with no end, come over us. *Refrain repeats.*

Let Your love come over us.

Let your grace fall on us. Let your light shine on us.

Shine on us, O Lord. Shine on us. O Lord.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

It is right and proper that we humble ourselves before God and admit that we have fallen short of being the people God created us to be. Let us join together in the unison Prayer of Confession and then in silence let us admit to God what lies hidden in our hearts.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. Lift our minds from earthly things to the vision of your heavenly commonwealth. We revel in self-glory; we delight in vain pursuits; we worship the idols of our base desires. Forgive our shortsighted behavior and reconcile us through Jesus to your eternal will. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who meets you in His Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ He has forgiven you, redeemed you and provided new life for you.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**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.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## OFFERTORY

D. Akers

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# ANTHEM

M.W. Smith, D. Smith/arr. Greer

## SCRIPTURE

# SERMON

## Faith, Forgiveness, and Renewal

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## *The Apostles' Creed*

Amen.

## HYMN

*“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

**GTG#353**

## POSTLUDE

*“Stand Up and Bless The Lord”*

Robert J. Hughes

## BENEDICTION