

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

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
Eddie Blount	Sound
Jackson Weller	Liturgist
Kim Wimer	Security, side door and offering
David Clark	Greeter

BUDGET UPDATE

	Feb 29	YTD
Contributions	\$13,359.65	\$49,666.32
Expenditures	\$30,560.07	\$79,242.44
Difference	(\$17,200.42)	(\$29,576.12)

First Presbyterian Church

March 10, 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 worshipers 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.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Adagio”

F. Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy

INVOCATION

Everlasting God, we gather together knowing You are present among us. Guide our hearts and minds to listen for Your word: in our hearts, in our movement, in our prayers. Open us to new insights, to be challenged by the scriptures, to be assured by our songs, to be encouraged in prayer, knowing that You are making all things new, including us. May we be open to the Spirit in this time. Amen.

HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

GTG#39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 11

Day Circle at 12:30.

March 12

Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.

Session at 7:00 p.m.

March 13

Youth Activities at 6 p.m.

March 14

Bible Study at 10:30

Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 17th, 3pm, Service of Rededication for our Organ

This service will feature our organist Patricia Taylor, our Chancel and Handbell Choirs, and guest organists Robert Sutter, Kelly Grooms, and Taylor Morton.

Holy Week Devotional Services

Monday, March 25th; Tuesday, March 26th; and Wednesday, March 27th at 12:00 noon in the chapel. Lunch will follow at 12:30p.m. each day in Overbey Hall.

Thursday, March 28th, 6pm - Maundy Thursday supper and worship service in Overbey Hall

Friday, March 29th, 12:00 noon - Good Friday service in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow at 12:30p.m. in Overbey Hall.

List of Session members

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

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Prayer of St. Francis

Music by Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Barnard

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace, your peace.

About the Anthem:

This prayer has been attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar and founder of the Franciscan monastic orders. It can be traced back to 1912 when it was printed in a French Christian magazine, *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published by a Parisian Catholic organization, *The League of the Holy Mass*. It has been theorized that the league’s founder, Father Esther Bouquerel, may have chosen to print the text due to his inspiration from the life and works of St. Francis and his contemporary Giles of Assisi. This text was widely publicized, spoken, and sung throughout both World Wars.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God’s healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people...

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: ‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,’ and he adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.” Believe the promise of the Gospel: **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			RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
<i>“Gloria Patri”</i>			AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost</i> <i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be</i> <i>World without end. Amen. Amen.</i>			<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>		
CALL FOR THE OFFERING			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.		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION			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.		
Gracious God, from the overflowing of your love, we have been given abundance upon abundance. Receive, we pray, our offerings and bless them. May we be blessed by their work, as we see your reign among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.			Amen.		
OFFERTORY			HYMN		
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart with O Breath of Life" Atkinson/Blomquist, arr. Berry			<i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>		
DOXOLOGY			GTG#643		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE			POSTLUDE		
HEAR THE WORD OF GOD			<i>“Chorale Trio”</i>		
ANTHEM			BENEDICTION		
<i>“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”</i> Temple/Barnard					
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION					
Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.					
SCRIPTURE					
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22					
SERMON					
“God’s Faithfulness”					

