

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
David Parris	Sound
Bernadine Hayes	Liturgist
Brenna Takata	Security, side door and offering
David Clark	Greeter
Barbara Wilkins and Eddie Blount	Communion
Team 1	Wednesday Night Supper 3/6

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

March 3, 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.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Praeludium in G-Moll”* J.S. Bach
CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 19

Come into this sacred space to worship God
whose teaching is perfect;
whose directions are sure.
Come into this holy place to worship God
whose standards are right;
whose commandment is clear;
whose judgements are true.
Come with holy fear –
to be given life, and made wise,
to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.
Come — let us worship God.
Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be according to your will, O God. Amen.

INVOCATION

O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy gospel.

HYMN *“Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect”* **GTG#61**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 4 **Evening Circle** at 7:00p.m. at the home of Bernadine Hayes
245 Linden Dr.
March 5 **Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.
March 6 **Wednesday Night Dinner** (Team 1) and
Youth Activities at 6 p.m.
March 7 **Bible Study** at 10:30
Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.
March 11 **Day Circle** at 12:30.

Menu for March 6: Barbecue, Slaw, Baked Beans and Dessert

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 10th, 3pm, Recital "Songs About Love and Friendship" -
Sunday, March 17th, 3pm, Service of Rededication for our Organ

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.

It is time to order Easter lilies. The price will be \$16.00 per plant and will be delivered to the church with wrapping and a bow. Deadline for ordering will be Sunday, March 17. If paying by check please make payable to First Presbyterian Church. The form will be in Between the Columns and in the March 10 bulletin.

COMMUNION LITURGY

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your glory, O God
is declared in the holy silence of the heavens,
and told in the silent succession of day and night.

**No speech, or word or voice is heard;
yet they speak to all the world,
and their words reach to the ends of the earth.**

The sun joyfully leaps across the sky,
from one end of the heavens to the farthest reaches,
and nothing is hidden from its heat or light.
**So nothing that we do or say or whisper in our hearts
is hidden from you, Lord God.**

Release us from darkness we hide deep within our lives.

**Let our lives be radiant with holy fear;
delighting in your teaching,
receiving insight from your commandments
and wisdom from your encouraging.**

Enliven our desire for your everlasting judgements
over wealth or fame:

**to enjoy the sweet drippings of the honeycomb,
that are to be found
in right relationship with those around us,
and with you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who
walk in God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people.
God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

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>		
	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost</i>	AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>
	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be</i>		
	<i>World without end. Amen. Amen.</i>		
CALL FOR THE OFFERING			
PRAYER OF DEDICATION			
The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.		I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:	
OFFERTORY	"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	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>with</i> In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Doane/Conkey, Berry		
DOXOLOGY		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.	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE			
	HEAR THE WORD OF GOD		
ANTHEM	"Bread of the World" American tune/arr. D. Eliot	Amen.	
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.		HYMN	<i>“In The Cross of Christ I Glory”</i>
			GTG#213
		COMMUNITY LITURGY	
SCRIPTURE	I Cor 1:18-25	POSTLUDE	<i>“Fugue in G-Moll”</i>
		BENEDICTION	J.S. Bach
SERMON	“We Preach Christ Crucified”		

