

# 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
Ray Beale	Sound
Bunny Hayes	Liturgist
Randy Brooks	Security, side door and offering
Kim Wimer	Greeter

## BUDGET UPDATE

	February 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

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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

*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** "Fairest Lord Jesus " arr. D. Hegarty

### CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, open your eyes!  
Look around!

**The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—  
among us and within us.**

**God's salvation is close at hand—  
nearer than you know.**

So open your hearts and minds to the Spirit,  
and let's worship God together!

### INVOCATION

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus,  
Guide us on the path toward our destination,  
and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you.  
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us;  
open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love;  
and empower us to pass on to others  
the grace you have

**HYMN** "Open My Eyes That I Might See" **GTG#451**

## TODAY

Pastor Beth and members of the VIP Committee will serve communion at **Stratford House** at 2 p.m. in conjunction with their weekly worship service. All are welcome to participate. Pre-service music begins at 1:45 p.m.

Join us at 4:30 p.m. for a concert of "**Songs About Love and Friendship.**" This concert in Overbey Hall is a spring voice and piano recital with songs from lyric baritone, Mack Williams, bass singer, Ray Hayes, and our music director, Ashley Stanley-Robey at the piano.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY, April 9**

**Handbells** at 5 p.m.

**Session** meets at 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, April 10**

**Youth Activities** at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Supper** at 6 p.m.—

**S. Sudan Adventures with Pastor Beth**

**THURSDAY, April 11**

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

**SATURDAY, April 13**

**Memorial Service** for Nancy Wilson at 2 p.m. with visitation with family from 1 to 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, April 14**

Danville Area Choral Arts Society (DACAS) presents a concert of Disney songs for all ages, with DACAS Ringers and DACAS Children's Choir. 3 p.m. at St. Lukes Methodist Church. Members of FPC-Danville are participating.

### 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

## COMMUNION LITURGY

### WORDS OF INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here

**His Spirit walks with us**

Walk with us on our road to Emmaus, with those who are disappointed, confused or frustrated – with those trying to make sense of their world.

**His Spirit meets us where we are with radical hospitality**

Walk with us on our road to Emmaus as we talk and try to understand our story in the context of YOUR story.

**His Spirit gives us genuine humility**

Walk with us on our road to Emmaus as we listen, ponder and pray as Cleopas and his companion listened as the miles passed.

**His Spirit joins us in fearless conversation**

Warm our hearts and open our eyes as we prepare to feast at the table.

**His Spirit ignites our hearts with divine anticipation.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sometimes, we are so busy talking with each other that we forget to find Jesus beside us. We walk on, so focused on our questions that we do not make quiet spaces which would allow his voice to speak with us on the journey .

Let's be quiet to think about where Jesus has been on the journey with us.

### Silent Prayers

Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to stop and meet with you, we pray. As we look at our lives and that of the world around us, we are sometimes too nervous to share our real questions and fears at this time, we are sorry Jesus.

Let's be quiet and think about our questions and Jesus with all of us.

### Silent Prayers

Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray.

**We call your name, O Christ, and hope to discover you here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness.

We are forgiven!

## THANKS BE TO GOD!

## 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**

Good and gracious God, help us to say thank you, to live with gratitude, to look for the best in each other, and to live charitably with all. May your resurrection never stop surprising us, disrupting us and transforming us, until Christ's kingdom comes. Amen

**OFFERTORY***"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

L. Mason/Berry

**DOXOLOGY****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****ANTHEM***"Emmaus Road"*

Brenton Prigge/W.H. Doane

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen

**SCRIPTURE***Luke 24:13-32***SERMON***"Post Resurrection Appearance: The Road to Emmaus"***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***"Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread"***COMMUNION LITURGY****POSTLUDE***"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

Arr. D. Wagner

**BENEDICTION**