

# 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

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	Ray Beale
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Jackie Rochford
Greeter	Barry Cutright
Side door/Offering	Ava Barrett

## BUDGET UPDATE

	October 1 - 31	YTD
Contributions	\$12,535.38	\$316,266.87
Expenditures	\$31,914.26	\$462,960.56
Difference	(-\$19,378.88)	(-\$146,693.69)

### List of Session members

**Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema\*, Eddie Blount\*, Jackie Rochford\***

**Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones\*, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett**

**Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton**

**\*Denotes Steering Committee Members**

**Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)**

# First Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2025

11 a.m.



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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

# A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

*Baptism of the Lord ~ January 12, 2025*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”                      H. Percy Smith,  
arr. C. Berry

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 43:1)

Leader: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

INVOCATION

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

HYMN# 475

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday January 13th                      CE Committee meets 4:00pm

Wednesday January 15th                      Youth 6:00pm

Thursday January 16th                      Bible Study 10:30am

Choir 4:30pm

Saturday January 18th                      Saturday Lunch Ministry 11:30am

**Our weather policy** Please use your own judgement when there is inclement weather. First Presbyterian Church will always be open for worship.

The funeral for Estella Falden will take place Wednesday January 15th at 12 noon at Mount Sinai Glorious Church of God which is located at 716 Jefferson St. Interment will follow at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Tuesday January 14th from 5-7pm at Fisher & Watkins.

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

Lyricist: Carl P. Daw (b. 1944) | Composer: Joseph Parry

Wild and lone the prophet’s voice echoes through the desert still,  
Calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God’s will:  
“Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God’s control.”

“Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.  
Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.  
Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:  
Then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God’s store.”

With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,  
And his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.  
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,  
Till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.

**About the Anthem:**

Carl P. Daw, Jr., originally from Louisville, Kentucky, was born the son of a Baptist minister. He went on to earn a PhD in English at the University of Virginia and then taught English at the College of William and Marry (1970-79). He became an Episcopal priest in 1981 and served churches in Virginia, Connecticut, and then Pennsylvania. Later in his career, he focused on his great love – hymns. Reverend Daw served as the Executive Director of The Hymn Society (1996-2009), wrote hymns for *The Hymnal 1982*, published *A Hymntune Psalter* and a collection of essays on liturgical dimensions of preaching. Altogether, he wrote at least 111 hymns; a few of them were translated into Spanish and twenty-five into Japanese. His most recent work (2016) is *Glory to God: A Companion*, the guide to our current Presbyterian hymnal.

This hymn text focuses on John the Baptist’s preaching in Matthew chapter 3. It also uniquely recalls that John the Baptist was the first to call Jesus “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29, 36). There is a message for the Christian within this hymn, as well. We would do well to “bear the fruit repentance sows,” live “lives of justice, truth, and love,” and “set [our] hearts on things above.” This week, let’s remember our baptism – and our commitment to follow the example of Christ.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ’s path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (John 1:16)

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God’s blessings and then 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**

A generous God calls us to live generous lives. Let us present our tithes and offerings to further Christ’s mission and ministry.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May who-  
ever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to  
serve. Amen.

**OFFERTORY:** "Come Now to the Water" by Alexander Peters

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host. praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**ANTHEM** "Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice" Carl P. Daw/Joseph Parry

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (John 1:1-5)**

Help us, Holy God, to connect to your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a  
way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message your Spirit makes  
known in word and worship. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** (542/514) Isaiah 43:1-7  
(817/777) Acts 8:14-17  
(764/726) Luke 3:15-17,21-22

**SERMON**

"Paul’s Witness"

Jackson Weller

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**HYMN#634**

To God be the Glory

**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.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Deep River"

African American Spiritual  
arr. Tom Fettke

**BENEDICTION**