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 Word and Sacrament	David Baker
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Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey

Sound C. B. Strange
Video Alex Walthall
Liturgist Brenna Takata
Greeter Barry Cutright
Side door/Offering David Swann

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 19, 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

2nd Sunday of Epiphany ~ January 19, 2025

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "My Lord, What a Morning" African American Spiritual arr. Fettke

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 36:7-9)

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take

refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink

from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: in your light we see light.

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 movements, 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# 345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday January 20th Office Closed

Tuesday January 21st Handbells 5:30pm

Wednesday January 22nd Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00pm

Thursday January 23rd Bible Study 10:30am

Choir 4:30pm

Saturday January 25th Session Training 10am

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.

We will have Estella's savory chicken squares, mixed veggies, salad and a tasty & delicious dessert for our Wednesday Night Dinner. Team 2 will be in charge. Please use the reservation form in the bulletin or call the office by noon Wednesday if you plan to attend.

Worship Committee will meet immediately following worship in the Dunglinson-Roberts room.

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel (1863-1961) | Arranged by Cliff Duren

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised. Believe Him and all will be well.

Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell.

(Chorus repeats.)

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

About the Anthem:

Composer Helen Howarth Lemmel was born the daughter of a Wesleyan minister in England in 1863. She loved music from her earliest days; her parents gave her voice lessons with the best teachers they could find. The family moved to America when Helen was twelve years old. In young adulthood, she spent four years studying vocal music in Germany. She met and married a wealthy European man. Sadly, Helen's husband abandoned her when she went blind. She suffered this great heartache in middle age before receiving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write this hymn. She said the chorus just came to her. She made no conscious effort to write or embellish it.

In her later years, Helen befriended a young pastor Doug Goins and his parents, Paul and Kathryn Goins. They described her as a joyful and enthusiastic person, full of life despite her ailments, "Though she was living on government assistance in a sparse bedroom, whenever we'd ask how she was doing, she would reply, 'I'm doing well in the things that count.'" Helen Lemmel wrote nearly five hundred hymns during her life, with the help of friends to write or record them. She passed away two weeks before her 98th birthday.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "Depth of Mercy with Search Me, O God" C.M. von Weber/ E. Hopkins, arr. Berry

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 Helen H. Lemmel. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" arr. Cliff Duren

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (John 1:1-5)

Holy God, we need the guidance of your Word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (416/398)Psalm 37:1-5 (721/685)Matthew 6:19-21

SERMON "An Undivided Heart"

INSTALLATION AND ORIDNATION OF OFFICERS

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Rev. David Baker

HYMN# 282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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.

"Here I Am, Lord" **POSTLUDE** by Daniel Schutte, harmonized by Alfred Fedak

BENEDICTION