

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	David Parris
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter	Barry Cutright
Side door/Offering	Barbara Wilkins

BUDGET UPDATE

	November 1-30	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 26, 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

3rd Sunday of Epiphany ~ January 26, 2025

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “This is My Father’s World” Franklin L. Sheppard,
arr. Berry

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

People: Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord’s favor!

Leader: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

People: And may it all begin with our worship of God.

INVOCATION

Lord, may we know the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us today. May we be open to your leading, sensitive to you speaking and alert to your calling. Father, we invite the same power that was at work when Jesus was raised from the grave to be present with us here now. Lord, we declare that you are welcome here amongst us.

HYMN# 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday January 28th	Ladies Dinner 6:00pm (weather permitting) Handbells 5:00pm
Wednesday January 29th	Youth 6:00pm
Thursday January 30th	Bible Study 10:30am Choir 4:30pm
Saturday February 1st	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.

This afternoon you are invited to Holbrook Street Presbyterian for the installation of their new pastor, E. Ray Williams at 3pm. There will be a reception following in the dining area of the church. Your presence would mean so much to Holbrook and to their new Pastor Ray!

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

Lyricist: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) | Composer: Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977)

Arranger: Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain: We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.

When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.

When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

About this Hymn:

This hymn was written by a Canadian minister, prison chaplain, and worship journal editor, Sylvia Dunstan. She wrote many hymns during her short life, resulting in two published hymnals (one released posthumously). Unfortunately, Sylvia passed away due to liver cancer at the age of thirty-eight. She left behind a legacy of compassion for those in need and an overwhelming love for liturgy. The lyrics of this hymn were inspired by the line in the Lord's prayer, “Thy kingdom come,” and the 126th Psalm.

This arrangement was done by an imminently talented living American composer, Evelyn Simpson-Curenton. Simpson is a native of Philadelphia and an alumna of Temple University. She began her musical career as a pianist and singer at the age of two; during grade school she became the accompanist for her family's vocal group, The Singing Simpsons. Evelyn went on to study organ, arranging, and composition. Her pieces have been commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera and New York Philharmonic for presentation in Carnegie Hall, as well as the Kennedy Center, the National Symphony Orchestra, and Hampton University's jazz ensemble (a bit closer to home for us, geographically speaking). Ms. Simpson-Curenton currently serves as organist at three churches in Washington, D.C. Her tireless dedication to congregational worship is a beautiful Christian example.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. 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

All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from God. Let us in turn offer our gifts to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?") Hymn #821
by Robert Lowry

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 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" Hymn#852
Sylvia Dunstan/Albert Brumley, arr. E. Simpson-Curenton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to ear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (347/361) Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10
(390/408) Psalm 19
(727/777) Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

"Revive"

Jackson Weller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN# 625

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

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

"Give Me Jesus"

African American Spiritual
arr. Fettke

BENEDICTION