

# First Presbyterian Church

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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for silent preparation.*

PRELUDE

“Arioso”

J. S. Bach

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

## CHORAL INTROIT

Daniel Iverson

“Spirit of the Living God”

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.  
People: *May we hear your call and speak your truth.*  
Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.  
People: *Gather us in honest and faithful community.*  
Leader: Lord, prepare us to be a people of hope and grace.  
People: *Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.*  
Unison: *Let us worship God together in this holy place.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION # 418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.*  
*Lord, hear our prayer ... (silent confession) ... Amen.*

## \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

### \*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.*

## A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 6:1-8, Page 866

ANTHEM

David Haas

“Blest Are They”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12, page 4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Karen Allen

“Blessed are the Peacemakers”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Mary Thompson

“Variation of Tidings”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

\*POSTLUDE

Hal H. Hopson

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of February 1<sup>st</sup> - February 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Karen Allen  
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11:15 a.m. Session Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. Administrative Committee, *conference room*  
6:15 p.m. Men’s Group

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. Robbins Food Bank  
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus  
11:00 a.m. Soup / Salad Luncheon  
No Youth Group

### **Announcements**

Please welcome back, Rev. Karen Allen as she brings forth our message today.

Just a reminder! The Soup/Salad luncheon is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon will be held immediately following worship service.

The Fellowship & Mission are collecting canned goods for “Souper Bowl of caring”, between Jan 25-Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. After all canned goods are collected they will be delivered to Robbins Food Bank. Please be sure to bring your canned goods and support the Robbins Food Bank.

**Office hours for February:** The church office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sonya will be working from home on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and can be reached by email at [infofpc397@gmail.com](mailto:infofpc397@gmail.com). If you need assistance after these hours, please do not hesitate to send an email as emails are checked periodically.

The Youth will be providing a Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> prior to our Ash Wednesday service. Come on out and join us and bring a friend.