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175th Anniversary Celebration



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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

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2nd, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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

PRELUDE

Walter Webber

"Postlude on Festal Song"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Otis Skillings

“Lord, We Praise You”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We come celebrating all that is amazing and wonderful in the world.

People: *God has blessed us in numerous ways.*

Leader: But instead of leaning upon all those blessings, we gravitate toward all that is wrong in our lives and the world.

People: *Inspire and enrich us with the love that Christ brings into our daily journey.*

Leader: We want to see the world as those who live in faith and hope.

People: *We want to respond to our challenges with the love of God.*

Unison: *May we move mountains and speak words of love to those we meet.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 629

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, You know us better than we know ourselves. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves. We see dimly and hear Your Word so faintly that we doubt Your truth. We do not have enough faith to trust the prophets or risk walking in Jesus' footsteps. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us.

Loving God, grant us courage to change, to follow Your Son in spite of ridicule and rejection. Forgive our many sins and awaken us to the life You long for us to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 # 370

“This Is My Father's World”

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

Psalm 71:1-6, Page 532

ANTHEM

Bernadette Ferrel

“Christ Be Our Light”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13, page175

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“What’s Love Got to Do with It”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Joseph Seiss

“Meditation on Beautiful Savior”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 693

“Though I May Speak”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Omer Westendorf

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

*POSTLUDE

Gordon Young

“Postlude on Festal Song”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of February 2nd - February 9th

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Committee, <i>conference room</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class, <i>youth room</i>
Monday:	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee, <i>conference room</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee, <i>conference room</i>
Tuesday:	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice this week
	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Finance, <i>conference room</i>
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting, <i>conference room</i>

Announcements

FPC high school seniors and full-time college students are eligible to apply for the Presbyterian Women Lorena Piner Scholarship. The scholarship form is in the lower narthex. The completed form and all accompanying documents must be submitted online by midnight on February 15, 2025. In recent years Joey Tortora and Elizabeth Martindale have won this scholarship.

Our pictorial directories are here! You can pick them up after church or during the week. Each family may receive one copy, even those who did not take a picture.

Church committees are forming, if you would like to serve on a committee but haven't been asked, please see an elder or Rev. Martindale.

Our confirmands will be joining the church on March 2nd. We will have a covered-dish lunch after worship to celebrate their becoming members of FPC!