

GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.



First Presbyterian Church

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Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (01/12)	9:30a	Baptism of the Lord Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service (<i>Communion</i>) Installation of Elders—Class of 2027
Mon (01/13)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	9:00a	Website Information Due
Wed (01/15)	9:00a	WW Meeting (Weight Watchers)
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sat (01/18)	12-9p	Reserved for Private Party Due to Inclement Weather
Sun (01/19)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
	11:30a	Annual Congregation Meeting Election of Nominating Committee Members-at-Large

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

Annual Congregation Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, immediately following worship Service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold the meeting of the Corporation, elect at-large members for the Nominating Committee, and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Nominating Committee: Immediately following worship service and the Annual Congregation Meeting, we will elect two members-at-large for the Nominating Committee.

	<u>Jan 1 - 6, 2025</u>	<u>Jan 1 - 6, 2025</u>
Income/Expense		
Income	<u>13,515.00</u>	<u>13,515.00</u>
Expense	<u>1,853.13</u>	<u>1,853.13</u>
Net Income	<u>11,661.87</u>	<u>11,661.87</u>

Pennies for Hunger: Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

Dollars-For-Missions: All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

Blessing Box: Please continue to support the Blessing Box. It is being visited quite frequently and because of this we are in need of the following:

- ◆ Canned Vegetables
 - Green Beans
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned Meat
 - Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, etc.
- ◆ Boxed Pasta
 - Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- ◆ Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Ramen Noodles
- ◆ Instant Potatoes, Pasta and Rice Mixes
- ◆ Other Non-perishable Foods

January 12, 2025—Baptism of the Lord

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is calling. Do you not hear? You are being called by name, for a purpose.

All: God, you have searched us and known us. You discern our thoughts from far away.

One: Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God's call. Do not confuse the values of this world for God's values.

All: You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand. You know when we lie down and where we go.

One: Your words and your deeds are known to God. You were known to God before you were born.

All: Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand. Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our lives are an open book to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)

Amen.

RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has heard your cries and felt your pain. Your struggles to know yourself are prompted by God's love. God leads the community of faith beyond what is lawful to what is holy. We are not our own, we belong to Christ. We are one in the Spirit. By God's grace, we are turning from self-serving ways to selfless ministries. Above all else, we who were bought with a price seek to honor and glorify God. Friends, believe the good news...

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

"Finding Refuge in the Storm"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

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.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Linda Volcek and Ellen Watts (Class of 2027)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN NO. 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jan 12)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Nancy Bolen

Lynda Self, Nancy Sharp

Serving Next Sunday (Jan 19)

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