

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.



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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (01/19)	9:30a 10:30a 11:30a	Sunday School Worship Service Installation of Elders—Class of 2027 Annual Congregation Meeting Election of Nominating Committee Members-at-Large
Mon (01/20)	9:00a 9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due TACC Meeting/Rehearsal
Wed (01/22)	9:00a 7:00p	WW Meeting (Weight Watchers) Choir Rehearsal
Sun (01/26)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service

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

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

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

January 19, 2025—Second Sunday after Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With steadfast love, God calls our names. Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

All: We long to be recognized and affirmed. We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

One: Feast on the abundance of God's house. Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

All: We are ready to hear the Word of God. We want to be guided by eternal truth.

One: Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us. The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

All: When God calls us, we cannot remain silent. When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 634

"To God Be the Glory"

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*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. *(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 does not treat us as heathens, forsaken and desolate. We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights. Let your hearts be lifted up. We are not bound to our old ways but are freed for a new identity. God's benevolent gifts are apportioned to each of us in abundance. 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.*

Isaiah 62:1-5

John 2:1-11

SERMON

"Saving the Best for Last"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 697**

"Take My Life" (verses 1-4)

HENDON

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)

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

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

***HYMN NO. 450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jan 19)
Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinsky

Serving Next Sunday (Jan 26)
Greeters/Ushers: Donna Bowman, Rusty Sudderth

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