

**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.

<b>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Today</b> (01/18)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
	11:30a	Annual Congregational Meeting
	12:00p	Hillbilly Hideaway Luncheon
<b>Mon</b> (01/19)	<b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b> in Observance of Martin Luther King Day	
	6:30p	TACC Rehearsal
<b>Wed</b> (01/21)	9:00a	Weight Watchers
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sun</b> (01/25)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

**Congregational Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for today, January 18, immediately following worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold the meeting of the Corporation and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Monday, February 2, we will begin making eggs. Our working schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The first week will be:

Monday, 2/2	Kitchen staff (begins at 8:30a) Shapers
Tuesday, 2/3	Kitchen staff, Shapers, Chocolatiers and Dippers
Thursday, 2/5	Everyone needed!

We look forward to seeing you and putting your good volunteer skills to work.

**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



# First Presbyterian Church

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January 18, 2026—Second Sunday after Epiphany

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you understood God's thoughts toward us? Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

**All: We are here to receive God's message. Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.**

One: Listen, all who are near and all who are far away; God is calling us as servants and as saints.

**All: Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way. We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.**

One: Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being. Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

**All: We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks. We are ready to be led into new responsibilities. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 634

"To God Be the Glory"

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come back to you, O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. *(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: Hear the glad news of deliverance. God's saving help is available to us. God's mercy is sure. We can leave our idols and reorder our priorities. We are empowered by God's steadfast love and faithfulness to become all we are meant to be. Sing a new song of praise to our 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

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

### SERMON

*"Where Jesus Is Staying"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

\*HYMN NO. 720

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

GALILEE

\*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.

### 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"*

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### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today (Jan 18)**

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

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**Serving Next Sunday (Jan 25)**

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

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