

**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.

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Today**  
(01/25) **CLOSED**

**Mon** 9:00a Bulletin Information Due  
(01/26) 9:00a Website Information Due  
6:30p TACC Rehearsal

**Tue** 10:00a S&F Committee Meeting  
(01/27)

**Wed** 9:00a Weight Watchers  
(01/28) 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Sun** 9:30a Sunday School  
(02/01) 10:30a Worship Service

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

**DON'T FORGET!** 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 25, 2026—Third Sunday after Epiphany

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who have known gloom and anguish. Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

**All: Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken. Our losses seem greater than we can bear.**

One: God is our light and our salvation. God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

**All: Enemies lose their power when we look up to God. We come now, seeking God's face.**

One: Come, behold the beauty of our God. Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

**All: We will sing and make melody to God. We will dare to lift up shouts of joy. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your realm. *(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: Light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. There is forgiveness and healing to be shared. 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.*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

### SERMON

*"Fishing for People"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 738

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

MARYTON

### \*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. 321

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

AURELIA

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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Serving Today (Jan 25)

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

Serving Next Sunday (Feb 01)

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Nancy Sharp

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