



# First Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Sunday School - 9:10-10:10

Worship Service - 10:30

# Gathered as God's People

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.*

Prelude

Variation on DARWALL'S 148th

Andrew Clarke

\*Call to Worship based on Psalm 36:5-10

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**Many: Your steadfast love finds us.**

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Many: Your steadfast hope sustains us.**

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**Many: You hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

One: How can we keep still this day? There is joy in this place!

**Many: Let us worship the God of joy!**

\*Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148th

\*Prayer of Adoration

Terri Flynn

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

OT ps. 577-578

## Call to Confession

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we admit that we like to put you into neat little boxes – the God of this, the God of that, the God of these people but not of those people. We admit we make you too small. We admit we make you manageable. Forgive our short-sightedness, our self-limitedness, and our stubbornness. Enlarge our hearts that we might embrace your love and grace. We pray these things in Christ's name. (Silent Prayer)**

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

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

### \*Gloria 581

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 Christ be with you!

**Many: And also with you.**

### Children's Conversation

*(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)*

## Proclaiming God's Word

Anthem

The Falconer

text: Richard Leach; music: Alfred Fedak

*Rise, my song, and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace. Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place. This will be our singing day, word and tune will both be true. Song, soar up, but not away; the falconer waits for you. Rise, my song, and have no fear of soaring wide and high. Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly. See the human world below, showing scars and beauty too. In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you. Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace. Come to Christ's uplifted hand and find a resting place. One day, soaring song shall see everything made whole and new. Day of gladness, come to be! The falconer waits for you.*

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-21

OT p. 247

Sermon

All Call

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn

These Treasured Children

DUKE STREET

***These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.***

***Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our children know it well  
within their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.***

***We long to trust as children do and so entrust our days to you;  
in their young lives we clearly see a lesson in humility.***

***Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.***

***Then, tender God, each child embrace; God give them blessings,  
grant them grace. Surprise them, God, with wonders still,  
and gently guide them to your will.***

\*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.**

Offertory

Samuel

Arthur S. Sullivan

\*Doxology 607

OLD 100TH

***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

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.**

\*Hymn 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

## Congregational Meeting

\*Hymn 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
verse 1

DENNIS

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

\*Benediction

Postlude

Blest Be the Tie That Binds/The Church's One Foundation

DENNIS by Johann Nägeli; AURELIA by S. S. Wesley

\*Please stand as able

The church offers **hearing devices** to use during the worship service. They are located on the table in the Narthex or see an usher.

Music Notes:

*Variation on DARWALL's 148<sup>th</sup> by Andrew Clarke ©2006 Tenuto Publications  
The Falconer: text by Richard Leach; music by Alfred Fedak©1996 Selah Publishing  
SAMUEL by Arthur S. Sullivan©1995 Moravian Church in America. Note: The text by James Burns that accompanies Sullivan's music includes O give me Samuel's heart! A heart that still moves at the breathing of thy will.*

### Prayer List

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Ray Messick on the death of his brother, Randy Messick, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 22, 2024.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Anita and Tom Dubois on the death of their son, Sam Dubois, who joined the Church Triumphant on January 22, 2024

Paula and Steve Thomas, Betty Sloan, McKenzie Baxter, Suzanne Dukes, Alan Phillips, Sam Duncan, Sally Ewald, Ray Messick and family, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Joe Graham III, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

# Announcements

**The session has called an annual congregational meeting today following worship** for the purposes of electing the 2024 Nominating Committee, reviewing the financials, reviewing and approving changes to the pastor's terms of call.

**JOY Fellowship** - Please join us Friday, February 2nd at 11:30 for lunch and entertainment by Doc/Comedian Dr. Terry Hendrickson, also a long time member of First Pres. Doc will share how he uses comedy to bring a bit of joy to a special group. Please call the church office for reservations by noon Thursday, Feb. 1st.

**Youth/Parent Lunch** - Come eat lunch with us at La Fuente following the 10:30am service on Sunday, February 4th. This is open to all youth as well as their families and will be a low-key pay-for-yourself get-together.

**Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** - event previously scheduled for January 20 will now be Saturday, February 10 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm, ages 8-18). See poster just inside the church office door for information! This event is sponsored by the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

**Mark Your Calendar!** Join us for an evening of Spiritual Renewal with Rudy Kalis on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Dinner will begin at 5pm and Rudy will speak at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner and/or childcare by going on the church website, calling the church office, or emailing Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com.

**NaCoMe** - Youth Retreat is coming up March 1-3. Deadline for registration is February 16th. Email Michael Kneff at michaelkneff@gmail.com for more information .

## Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

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| <b>5:30-6:00</b> | Dinner for all - Pork Tenderloin, Broccoli /Rice Casserole, Baked Fruit, Rolls.<br>Kids Menu: Ham, Shells and Cheese, Fruit<br>If you plan to eat dinner, please fill out the yellow reservation card, email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com or call the church office by noon on Tuesday. |
| <b>6:00-7:00</b> | Adult Bible Study, FPC Chorister Rehearsal (grades K-5) and activities for children.<br>6th-12th Grade - with Michael Kneff and Dawn Taylor in youth room.   |
| <b>7:00</b>      | FPC Choir  |

## Sunday School Schedule

**9:10-10:10**

**Pre-K - 5th grade** - meets upstairs for Workshop Rotation

**Middle School Class** (6th - 8th) - meets in the Confirmation Room upstairs

**High School Class** (9th - 12th) - meets in the Youth Room upstairs

**Fellowship Class** - Adults of all ages are invited to meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, Immersion Bible Studies by Stan Purdum.

**Chapel Class** - We begin each class with the PCUSA Lectionary scripture and then dig in with discussion facilitated by Greg Martin. Adults of all ages welcome!

### Ministers of the Church

#### **Ruling Elders**

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton	Jeff Baxter
Tony Khim	Lorie Fisher	Matt Campbell
Ed Lancaster	John Hill	Dwight Fox
Craig Lorch	Amy Overton	Tonjia Potts
Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite	Teresa Smith

#### **Board of Deacons**

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Brian Allred	Jennie Harlan	Frank Bellamy
Jessica Elam	Mary Marshall Jewell	Lee Brown
Bill Handy	Martha Kelley	Cindy Fox
Lynne Hendrickson	Brent Perry	Marianne Harrell
Katie Ledbetter	Debbie Sherman	Andrew Hickman

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