

Speak Lord,
FOR YOUR SERVANT



IS LISTENING.
1 SAMUEL 3:9

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



First Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2024

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational responses

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE

God who sees and who calls to us, we come to you this morning, bringing our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our disappointments. We come, having heard your voice, and ask that you will guide and enable us in this time of worship, that we might follow Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

Leader: 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.

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

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

People: Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand. Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.

OPENING PRAYER

We have come together, listening God, because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome. We are drawn to the promise of your presence and by the persistence of your call. Speak to us here in ways we can understand. We want to hear and listen to the message you intend for us, not because someone else needs to hear it, but because we ourselves are needy sinners. Your expectations of us are high and holy. We tremble, eager for the heavens to be opened in our midst for our transformation. Amen.

HYMN: "O Worship the King" **Blue 476**

CALL TO CONFESSION **Pastor**

CHORUS: "Spirit of the Living God" **Blue 322**

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. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

***KYRIE: *Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has heard . . . you are forgiven and made new.

By God's grace, we will turn from self-serving ways to selfless ministries. Above all else, we who were bought with a price seek to honor and glorify God.

GLORIA PATRI

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God" Screen

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You alone are the fountain of our life. Through the power of your Spirit, may the wisdom of your word spring forth and shower us with the gift of your truth. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Liturgist

GOSPEL: John 1:45-51 Pastor

SERMON: "Did You Hear That?" Pastor

HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" Blue 525

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED Blue p 14

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We have been bought with a price. God has made a costly investment in humanity. For love's sake, God sent Christ among us. For love's sake, we make the offering of ourselves and our resources the high point of our worship.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

We have heard you calling us, loving God, in the cries of your creation. We want to help, and we believe your church can be Christ's healing presence for them. Show us the way to be messengers of your gentle judgment and powerful Good News. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, of individuals and groups. Amen.

HYMN:

"Take My Life"

Blue 391

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!"

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter was Charlene Backo.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 30

Last Sunday's Offering: \$1,036

Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Officer Installation

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11 am – 1 pm

WEDNESDAY: Session at 6 pm

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC

SATURDAY: Elder & Deacon Retreat from 9 am to 2 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES	
Jan. 15- Harold Huzela	Jan. 23- Mary Beth Burkley
Jan. 16- Duane Nelson	Dave Burdis
Jan. 17- Joe Kennedy	Jan. 24- Joe Balogh
Jan. 21- Rose Smaracheck	Jan. 26- Sharon Roskovich
Jan. 26- Doug & Nancy Cole	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER AND DEACON RETREAT will be held at the church on Saturday, January 20th from 9 am to 2 pm. All serving deacons and elders are required to attend.

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU” CLASS SCHEDULED: Those interested in learning more about FPC and/or church membership are invited to join Pastor Mary Kay and session members on Sunday, January 28th, following worship. We will have a light lunch, discussion, and answer your questions. Please call the office to let us know if you will attend.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions
or e-mail the church at.

† Lisa Aten † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Dolores Beatty †
Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish
† Bob & Carol Berish † Carl Boone † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton
† Cameron Burnardza † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †
Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga †
Chloe Chachaula † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Nancy Craig †
Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Darla † Rich & Kathy Davies †
Sandy Davis † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm
Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Janis Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Glenn
Hart † Sarah Hepple & Baby † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster †
Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson †
Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy
† Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Gordon Lucas † Ronnie Lynn † Laura
Martin † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori
† Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray † Betsy Neel † Mary Caroline
Nicholas † Jim Palfrey † Scott Palfrey † Marguerite Patterson †
Marge Pawlaski † Nora Pelezar † Kim Pierce † Helen Pulgino †
Kaylee Rabon † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers
† Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Rose Smarachek † Toi
Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Candy Sokol † Ginger
Thorp † Jerry Tregembo † Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood †

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders
(police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,
Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others,
those affected by senseless violence and war,
and those affected by natural disasters.**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list, please call the office at
724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*



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Custodian:	Patty Gillon	929-7616
H. O. A:	Linda Aten	929-6406

E L D E R S

Class of 2024
Lori Lamberski
Carol Tragesser
David Burdis
Linda Aten

Class of 2025
Fred Exley
Doug Cole
Jack Backo

Class of 2026
John Conger
Sharon Zunic

D E A C O N S

Class of 2024
Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel
Kay Conger
Brenda Kennedy

Class of 2025
Susan Aten
June Exley
Barb Moskala

Class of 2026
Patty Gillon
Eileen Kunca

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness.

As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)