



**THEN THE LORD SPOKE TO
JONAH A SECOND TIME:
JONAH 3:1**

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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January 21, 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

We come here today to hear your message, God of all, but sometimes we do not like what we hear. You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. Speak your truth to us in this time of worship so that we can, having believed and received your call, carry it to the places where you call us to go and to the people you are eager to reach. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

People: hope for all people cradled in his arms.

Leader: the Word of the Lord comes,

**People: calling us out of our comfort zones,
to go where grace is needed most.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

**People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one
community of the kingdom.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call to the Ninevites and call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow you on whatever path you lead us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

HYMN: "Lead on, O King Eternal" **Blue 447**

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION **Pastor**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, you call us to follow you, but we make excuses. You call us to love the "others" in our world, but we prefer to stay with our own. Still, you call us. Forgive us for calling ourselves "disciples" yet dragging our feet. Forgive us for lagging behind because we rely on our own strength. In your strength, may we leave our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Having confessed our faithlessness . . . poured out upon us!
We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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"

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– 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: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Liturgist

VIDEO "Jonah Was a Prophet" (Veggie Tales)

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Pastor

SERMON: "What Happens When We Answer"

Pastor

HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

Blue 280

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Blue p 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God has gifted us with so many blessings, but especially with the knowledge that God hears us, God loves us, and God cares for us. This morning, let us bring to God from those gifts, so that God might use our time, talent, and treasures to bring that Good News to a world in need of God's love.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

May these gifts we offer show that we recognize your claim upon us, Holy God. Use them so that your grace, your love, and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.

HYMN: "And Can It Be?" Red 260

BENEDICTION

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

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic
Greeter was Nancy Komlos.

**Last Sunday's Attendance: 19
(approximately 12 online due to weather)**

Last Sunday's Offering: \$679

Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 10 am

TUESDAY: 150th Anniversary Committee meeting at 6 pm in the FH

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES	
Jan. 21- Rose Smaracheck	Jan. 29- Brenton Weightman
Jan. 23- Mary Beth Burkley Dave Burdis	Jan. 31- Chad Day
Jan. 24- Joe Balogh	Feb. 2- Jennifer Metikosh
Jan. 26- Sharon Roskovich	Feb. 3- June Kefover
Jan. 26- Doug & Nancy Cole	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“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 next 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.

PANCAKE DINNER: The 60th annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held February 13th at St Sebastian’s fellowship hall from 11:30 am -7:00 pm featuring regular and buckwheat pancakes. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds benefit community service projects. Please contact Fred Exley for tickets at 724-929-8842.

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 † Bill & Sally
Callaway † Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga
† Chloe Chachaula † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Nancy Craig †
Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † 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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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)