



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor
David Dutcher, liturgist

January 19, 2025

Andrew Morris, organist

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

Introit

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

KEVIN McCHESNEY

Dedicated to the victims of the shooting at Columbine High School
and other acts of senseless violence.

Westminster Ringers

Carol Fleeger, director

Andrew Morris, organ

Call To Worship

One: A gift of a new day,

All: Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

One: A new day with surprising miracles;

All: With love to be given,

One: Kindness to be shared

All: And peace to be enjoyed.

One: A gift of a new day,

All: God's gift to us.

One: Let us receive it with joy

All: And live it in expectation.

* Hymn of Praise

I Danced in the Morning (verses 1,3,5)
LORD OF THE DANCE

Glory to God #157

* Call To Confession

David Dutcher, liturgist

One: Living in a world where we expect everything to be explained, we often forget that divine actions shatter our expectations and defy our explanations. Let us come before God, confessing our need to predict and understand, that we might experience God's miracles. Let us pray:

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

David Dutcher, liturgist

Lord God, always compassionate and filled with love, we come to you with heavy hearts. We have not always been all that you have called us to be. Too easily, we become discouraged. Today, Lord, we need to feel the power of your miraculous ways. We are tired and worn out because of the hurts of this world. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana, we need a miracle of power in our lives and in the church.

In the face of war, hunger, poverty and disease, we need a miracle of confidence, courage and enthusiasm. May your steadfast and forgiving love be born in us again in this season of light and new life. Renew our hearts and minds and take us from fear and hopelessness to joy and vision and new life. This we pray in the name of the amazing Jesus, the One of miracles and faith.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

David Dutcher, liturgist

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

* **Passing the Peace** David Dutcher, liturgist
One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

* **Hymn** *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Children's Moment Paul Laird

Prayer of Illumination David Dutcher, liturgist
Gracious God, when our world turns upside down or when the road ahead is unclear, we return to ritual. We come to the sanctuary. We break bread at table. We pour water. We greet one another as family. And we listen to your Word. Today we pray - meet us in this moment. Meet us in these rituals that anchor us and speak a word of hope. We are listening. We are drawing near. We are seeking you. Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Isaiah 62:1-5 David Dutcher, liturgist

Special Music *The Work of Christmas* Ensemble Singers
DAN FORREST

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

Sermon "Seeing What Can Be" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn *As the Wind Song* **Glory to God #292**
WAIRUA TAPU

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (as translated by the Maori people)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

Minute for Mission *Souper Bowl of Caring*
Marin Hoover and Claire Lindemyer

Call To Offering

Offering Andrew Morris, organist

* **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in a bold God, Creator of splendor, spinning stars into night skies, warming the planet with life-giving sunshine, filling the earth with all creatures great and small.

We believe in a big God, Creator of 150 billion galaxies, who is big enough to receive our praise and loving enough to answer our prayers.

We believe in the risen Christ, who meets us in the brokenness of life, accompanies us on all our wanderings and forever seeks to welcome us home with open arms.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, guide and companion, who fills the church with windy hope and fiery compassion.

We believe in the church, where we can taste some of the heavenly banquet and live as a renewed people for the world.

* **Hymn**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
BATTLE HYMN

Glory to God #354

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at firstpreslawrence@gmail.com** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke**, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was just diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- **Tanja Rounds died January 10**. Services were held Saturday at FPC.
- **Kerry McLay, daughter of Alois McLay**, died December 29th. Services will be held later.
- **FPC member Jan Erland** died on December 29th. Services are pending.
- **Michael Devlin** is hospitalized at LMH and is now in acute care after a set-back recently.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.

- **Bruce Humphreys, step-father of Robert Mugridge**, asks for our prayers.
- **Ray Borden, Linda Bridges' dad**, is in rehab to gain strength. Grateful for all your prayers and support!
- **Kelly Grube** is receiving chemo and being evaluated by Mayo Clinic.
- **Ruthanne Stucky, mother of Alisa Stucky**, asks for our prayers of healing and strength as she continues her fight against cancer.
- **Jenny Skridulis Vellon, a former member of FPC**, had breast cancer surgery recently. She will rest for a few weeks before starting radiation. Prayers welcome!
- **Tim Dutcher, son of Lois and David Dutcher**, had a kidney transplant. Tim is home and doing well.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Linda Wilson, Carol Fleeger's sister-in-law**, asks for prayers while dealing with her continuing her fight against cancer.
- **Prayer for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

- Allison Clunn-McPlin and family, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- Kristi McAlister, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.
- Prayers for those facing surgery or treatments, living with addiction or mental health issues, and for the caregivers supporting them.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Martha Rose, Vic and Dianne Sisk, Heather Soper

Greeters: The Oertel Family

Securing the Offering: Mark Shiflett

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer:

Deacon Family Groups - 2024

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| A-Ca | Charles Tuttle | N-Q | Peggy Southard |
| Ce-Do | Janet Adams | Mc-Mz | Becky May |
| Dr-F | Diana Schoneweis | R-Si | Linda Longino |
| G-Ha | Larry Schlosser | Sl-T | Russ Heikes |
| He-Ko | Mary Warren | U-Z | Allen Macfarlane |
| Kr-Ma | Lois Dutcher | | |

Birthdays in the Congregation

January 21

Guy Dresser

January 22

Helen Hutchison

January 23

Thomas Hill

January 24

Ken Blair

John Bradley

January 26

LaVonne Nauman

Kerstin Roberts

Calendar

January 19

9:15 am Sunday School for Children

9:15 am Earth Care Forum

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Youth Winter Retreat

January 20 – Church Office Closed for MLK Day

2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class

6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

January 21

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm Small World Classes

2:00 pm Parkinson Support Group

6:30 pm Deacon Meeting

January 22

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 23

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

1:00 pm Small World Classes

January 24

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

10:00 am Men's Group

7:00 pm Pinewood Derby Set up

January 25

10:00 am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

January 26

9:15 am Earth Care Forum

9:15 am Sunday School for Children

10:30 am Worship:

11:30 am Meals for 7 or 8 Potluck

Children and Youth

• Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2nd Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3rd – 5th Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- Youth attending Earth Care Forum

Youth Activities

• January

- MISSION, SERVICE, FUN and FOOD: Winter Youth Retreat – January 19th – 11:30am to 6 pm – Watch for more information

• February

- MISSION: The youth group will lead the congregation in serving a meal at LINK February 1st.
- MISSION: The Youth will lead in collections of canned food for the Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 9th.

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Earth Care Forum!** Join the EcoTeam for their annual offering of current issues around God's creation. Meeting at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall and running through February 2nd.
- **Adult Offerings during the week**
 - **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.
 - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** – We will continue on Monday, January 20th, and look at the video, "God Wrestling". The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.