



*Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house  
and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

*Mark 1:35*

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Hymn  
Words of Welcome  
Prelude

“Cornet Voluntary”

Starling Goodwin

Call to Worship

from Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

***Praise the Lord!***

Great are the works of the LORD, full of honor and majesty!

***God's righteousness endures forever.***

\* Hymn 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (verses 1-4)

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Holy God, you see each of us***

***and know us as creatures in need of your constant care.***

***We confess that we have neither listened for your word  
nor followed your will.***

***We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends,  
and ourselves.***

***Give us ears to hear your wisdom.***

***Lead us to honesty and faith***

***so that we may begin again with renewed strength;***

***in Jesus' name. Amen.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response (refrain to 113)

***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31 (OT, p. 668)

Psalter: Psalm 111 (Hymnal 755)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Peal on ‘Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

arr. Hurlbutt

Second Lesson: Mark 1:29-39 (NT, p. 35)  
Sermon: "Tempted by Success"

Rev. Carter

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

- \* Hymn 719 "Come, Labor On"
- \* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- Offering
- Offertory "Allegretto" Antonin Dvorak
- \* Doxology (606)
- \* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude "Grand Choeur" George Blake

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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- \* All who are able shall stand.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Leelah Farrell
Ushers	Sue Flynn and Bill Keller

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## Church Family Announcements

*Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Bible Time** is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go with leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

**The Nursery is open** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

**Adult Education** continues Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in room 206. We are taking a look at and discussing some portions of "**The Chosen**," a remarkable film series on the life of Jesus. All are welcome, especially newcomers. This class will continue through January 24.

**Make some music with us.** Every Wednesday, **the Adult Choir** rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and **the Bell Choir** rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. New singers and ringers are welcome for these ensembles.

**Mark your calendar:** On Wednesday, January 31, we welcome Dr. Michael Azar, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Scranton for Adult Education. He will offer an historical introduction to the current troubles in the Holy Land in Room 206, 6 p.m.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** can be found on the table in the hallway by the pastor's office. Please take yours home today. If you would like a box of envelopes, and one hasn't been prepared for you, contact the church office (570-586-6306).

**Please begin using your 2024 Offering Envelopes** if you haven't already. If you find that you are using 2023 envelopes by mistake, write your name on the envelope so that we're sure to record the donation to the correct family.

**Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland?** Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session was recorded for your listening. The trip will be capped off at 24 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.

**The 2024 Flower Calendar** is located on the bulletin board next to Rev. Carter's office. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning, please sign up. You will be contacted directly for more information.

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Bette, Sharon, Jim, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Bill, Margaret, Colleen M., Carmella, LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Wayne, Gerry, Tracy, Bette, and the families of Judy Keiser, Kate Hopkins, Gerald Miller, Barb Frutchey and Mary Jen Lawry.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



### **This Week at a Glance**

Today, Sunday, January 28, 2024

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, January 31

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter mailing, Room 206
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 1

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 4

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
  - Following anthem, Bible Time
- **11:15**, Annual Meeting, Sanctuary

Looking ahead: **On Mardi Gras Sunday, February 11**, we welcome the South Abington Stompers, an outstanding jazz band of questionable reputation. They will melt all the icicles as they offer some New Orleans music for worship.

## **Our Church Officers**

### **Elders**

**Rev. William Carter, moderator**

**Beverly Bright, clerk**

#### **Class of 2024**

Brad Campbell  
Jay Clymer  
JoAnn Hall  
Ginny O'Brien  
Robin Pinches

#### **Class of 2025**

Barbara Decker  
Jeff McLaughlin  
Patti McGonagle  
Chris Norton  
Briar Woodley

#### **Class of 2026**

Kim Barrows  
David Naehar  
Jan Thyren  
John Young

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2024**

Bill Farrell  
Leelah Farrell  
Kate Hopkins  
Bill Keller  
Peter Moore  
Diana Pope-Albright

#### **Class of 2025**

Katie Carter  
John Conklin  
Grace Farrell  
Jamie Strong

#### **Class of 2026**

Erika Adams  
Judy Cutler  
Betsy Ellis  
Susan Flynn  
Gwynne Gilbert  
Chris Jeske  
Debbie Miller  
Barbara Norton