



**First Presbyterian Church
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Service for the Lord's Day
5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Robert Hughes

Call to Worship

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones.

We will give thanks to God's holy name.

* Hymn 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

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: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (OT pg. 336)

Psalter: Psalm 30 (Hymnal 805)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

arr. Francis Havergal

Second Lesson: Mark 1:40-45 (NT pg. 35)

Sermon: "Won't Stay in His Lane"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 793 “O Christ, the Healer”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Offering

Offertory

“He Leadeth Me”

arr. Dale Wood

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation to the Lord’s Table

 Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

 The Words of Institution

 Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Max Drischner

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

* 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

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Karis Naehner

Ushers

Chris Jeske and Diane Pope-Albright

The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread or cracker option. The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free “snack-packs” can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

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 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 on Wednesday, 6 p.m., room 206: **“Christianity in the Holy Land and the History of the Current Conflict.”** Rev. Carter will share materials from Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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.

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.

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.

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 Gerald Miller, Barb Frutchey and Mary Jen Lawry.

This Week at a Glance

Today, February 4

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **Following worship at about 11:15**, annual meeting, sanctuary

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, room 206

Wednesday, February 7

- **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 8

- **5 p.m.**, Worship, Music, Arts, room 206
- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

Sunday, February 11

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
It's our Mardi Gras service! We will 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.
 - Following anthem, Bible Time

Looking ahead: **Ash Wednesday** is February 14 and begins the season of Lent. All are invited to a simple worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will be preceded by a Bible study at 6:00 p.m. in Room 206. This year's study for Lent will be based on the book of Ecclesiastes.

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.



Our Church Officers

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