



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. Harold DeCou

Call to Worship
The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Great God of love,

you gather us in the grace of Jesus

and equip us completely through the gifts of your Spirit.

Forgive us for stifling what you empower,

for dividing what you connect,

for breaking what you made whole,

for hoarding what you give for the benefit of all.

Breathe afresh on your people,

awaken us from the sleep of solitude,

and free us from the captivity of fear.

This, we ask, in the fearless love of Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 6:17-26 (NT, p. 64)

Psalter: Psalm 1 (Hymnal 457)

A Time with Children

Anthem “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Robert Jackson

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (NT, p. 176)

Sermon: “The Great Undoing”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Wintering in Corinth

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

* Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Trust and Obey"

arr. Michael Helman

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 231 "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Wonderful Words of Life"

arr. Wilbur Held

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

John Conklin

Ushers

Bill Keller, Jack Pittman

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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 gather at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

This morning for our children:

- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- Bible Time leaders will be sharing about spreading the good news, calling the disciples, and living God's way.

Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study continues each week at 5:45. The Bible study is called "**Wintering in Corinth**," which means the group will dig into Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. Want to begin the New Year with a group that studies the Bible and enjoys one another? Come and join us!



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, Jeanette, Dennis V., Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Ann, Tim, Bill, Mike, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K., Phil, Garnecki family, Tucker, Frank, Cheryl, Kathy, Tim, Ray, Caleb, Jon, Char, Wayne, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Scott's family, Judy, family of Dr. Smeraldi, Evelyn, Wayne, Clark family, Candace, Janice, Jen, Terry.

2025 Flower calendar: There are still a number of available weeks for individuals, families, and church committees to donate flowers for the worship service. Please email office@fpccs.org or call 570-586-6306 and Karis or Rebekah Naeher will contact you.

The next Mobile Food Pantry takes place Thursday, March 13. Pre-registration is required at fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or 570-586-6306.

Our next Arts event is Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m. The Lyric Consort presents Irish music for St Patrick's Day. This a cappella vocal group led by Chris Gallo was founded by Dr. Alan Baker in 1993 and performs beautiful vocal music for unaccompanied voices.

News on our Church Directory: We are updating our church directory. If you would like to add or update your photo and/or contact information, please be in touch with JoAnn Hall or Jeanne DeVirgilis before February 28.

The Super Bowl may be over, but there's still time for you to participate in the S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl!



Last Sunday, we raised \$344 for the AEM Food Pantry, with \$266 rooting for the Eagles and \$78 cheering for the Chiefs.

If bad weather kept you away, you can still help our neighbors in need: whether in person or electronically, designate your donation "Souper Bowl" and we can continue to *tackle* hunger.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our day not just Super, but Souper!

The Deacons are preparing to send care packages to your college, post-graduate, or military loved ones! Please send your loved one's name and address to Grace Farrell at office@fpccs.org or (570) 586-6306. Make sure to provide their current and complete address.

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 the QR code to the right.



Give to Disaster Relief--U.S. Wildfires

Our hearts are with all who have been affected by **the devastating wildfires** in California. The PC(USA) affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, we are called to stand with our neighbors. Please give generously to the Church's recovery efforts, both short- and long-term. This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to enable a significant response for U.S. wildfires.

To give by phone, call 800-728-7228, ext. 5885. To send a check, designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 16

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Pre-confirmation meeting

Monday, February 17 Church office is closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 18

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., Women's Bible study, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, February 19

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 5:45 p.m., Adult Christian Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8 p.m., Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 20

- 8 a.m., Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- 2 p.m., Senior Game Day, Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 21

Sunday, February 23

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Bible Time

Looking ahead:

Wednesday, February 26, expected Presbyter mailing date

Sunday, March 2, Mardi Gras!

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m.

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