

**January 19, 2025**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen*, No. 4 by Brahms  
My Heart is Filled

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** John Joyce  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
**May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**  
We feast on the abundance of your house,  
**and you give us drink from the river of your delights.**  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
**in your light we see light.**

**\*Hymn** 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

**Invitation to Confession** (the congregation is seated)  
Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

**Prayer of Confession** (*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*)  
**You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**  
Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

**\*Gloria Patri**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world**  
**without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Choral Anthem** *God Will Make a Way* by Moen/Hayes  
(Chancel Choir)

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 36:5-10  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 2:1-11  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "I Can See Clearly Now" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**\*Hymn** *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* (insert)

**Moment for Stewardship: Members of the Massanetta Springs Mission Team**

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer**  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Folk Melody, arr. by Hayes  
(Lee Harris & Weiz Baker, duet)

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 441 *Hear the Good News* NETTLETON

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Weiz

**\*Postlude** *Toccata for a Joyful Day* Diemer

**Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.**

\*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

Today we thank Lee Harris, on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, for sharing her time & talents with us. Lee is the mother of Mrs. Weiz.

Acolytes for today: Jessie and Lainey Baker

**The Church This Week (1/19/2025)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.		Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of January 19, 2025**

Gerry Rogers  
 Ina Coggeshall  
 Gray & Bea Sloop  
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore  
 Bobbie Jones  
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses  
 Ruth Jackson  
 B.J. Moore  
 Edward Tinsley  
 Louise Carpenter  
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Dear Members of FPC congregation,  
 We are excited about our first annual FPC/ St David's Episcopal Church BBQ. The event will be Feb 8 with pickup of some very good BBQ from 11am - 2pm at St David's Church. Tickets may be purchased from our church office or any of the following: Cathy and Mike Chapman, Harold and Debbie Watson, Debra and Dal Luke, Phil Powell, Rob Wolfe, Dan Tillman, Lindsay and Robby Bennett. Cost is \$12 per lb and you can purchase as many lbs as you want. We have a very good team of BBQ cooks assembled so we think you will enjoy the great BBQ that is cooked for you. Our goal this year is 500 tickets with proceeds going to McArn Food Bank and Pathfinders. Please join us in supporting these very worthwhile groups.  
 All tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets sold at door.  
 Thank you in advance for your support.

**Nursery Schedule for January - March**

January 19	Maggie Barton	Brittany Tillman
January 26	Jean Page Watson	Mary Jane Evans
February 2	Maggie Barton	Cathy Chapman
February 9	Alison Chapman	Kelli Beck
February 16	Laura Folger	Cathy Chapman
February 23	Penelope Angle	Lainey/Jessie Baker
March 2	May Jane Evans	Steve Cook
March 9	Charlene Tillman	Marietta Melton Burch
March 16	Maggie Lloyd	Michael Chapman
March 23	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
March 30	Edward Tinsley	Jean Page Watson

Additional Pledge Forms for Adults, Youth, and Children, along with the form listing ministry opportunities for serving in 2025 are available on the table in the Narthex. (Giving Ministry Team)

We are updating the Church Directory. Please notify the church office if any of your information (address, phone number, birthdate) in the current directory is incorrect by Sunday, February 9, 2025.

**Session of First Presbyterian Church**

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman
Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod
Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips
Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce	Harold Watson

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arneha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Gini Eddins, MMO

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica  
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



*Our Vision*

*Rooted by God's Grace,  
 Growing in the Spirit,  
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

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