

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JAN. 26, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 399 God Welcomes All THEMBA AMEN

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps. 19:1; Neh. 8:8; Luke 4:18
One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.
All: God calls us to be builders as well.
One: God calls us to build our lives:
All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.
One: God calls us to build our faith:
All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.
One: God calls us to build our community:
All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.
One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:
All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

*HYMN 301 Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from Neh. 8:9
God of our Restoration,
whenever we come home to you,
we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten
of your law and your love.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
or loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, heal us,
and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Ps. 19:7-8; Luke 4:18-19, 21
One: God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us
wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word
has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to
live in accord with God's own jubilee.
All: Glory to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE
We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

*RESPONSE 581 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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD from Neh. 8:1, 4, 8;
Ps. 19:14

FIRST READING PSALM 19
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 717 For the Life That You Have Given PLEADING SAVIOR

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

SERMON "Body Language" Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 634 To God Be The Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IONIAN CREED
We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
he died alone and forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts"/"debtors") page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM
(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)

OFFERTORY

TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING
(Any donation placed in the baskets today will go toward feeding those in need)

*THE DOXOLOGY 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION from: Luke 4:18, 17c

*BLESSING

HYMN 747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth ENVIADO

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan
this QR code with your smartphone to fill
out our online form, or fill out a pew card
and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

TODAY! @ 12:00pm - Presbyterian Women Quarterly Meeting &
Luncheon
Wed., Jan. 29 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....Marshall Judy & Carol Wade
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Marci Randall

First Reading—Psalm 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect one’s own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Reading—1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; Pat Carpenter; Alice & Lee Harrison; David & Brenda Bryant; David & Jo Bosh’s neighbor, Harrison; Jeff & Kathy Bishop’s daughter, Ashley Kerr; Angie Butler; Becky Butler’s brother, David Seiler; Shane Thurman; Baby S; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of Dec..	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,881	\$11,985	\$154,193	\$143,824
Non- Pledged	\$19,784	\$3,289	\$77,107	\$39,462

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Cindy Fountain
Next Week.....

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Paula Burlew
Ushers.....Troy Jamieson & Kim King
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook Rebecca Davis Sue Guffey
Don Haney Nancy Holland Marshall Judy Marci Randall

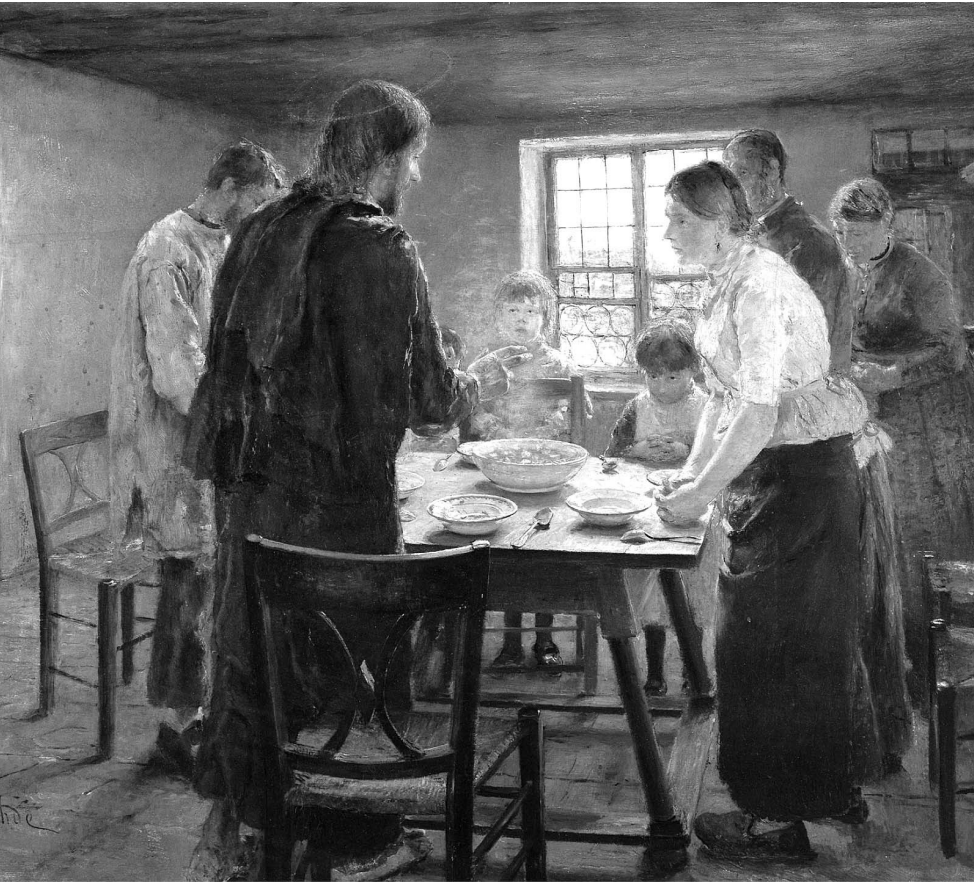
Elders:

Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Class of 2027
Charles Leveridge Sharon Mandt Jo Salmon Mark Dikeman
Perry Waller Laura Wright

First Presbyterian Church

January 26th, 2025

The Third Sunday
After Epiphany



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.