

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* arr. Burt Carlson

INTROIT 89 *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*(vrs5&6) MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from John 12:26*

One: From water to wilderness:

All: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

One: On stone and in hearts:

All: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

All: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

All: **for where he is, we would be also.**

***HYMN 166** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Gen. 9:13*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from Ps. 25:4; Mark 1:12*

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.

We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;

help us to turn from evil in its many guises,

and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.

In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us,

once more and always, an ark of safety and new life.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from 1 Pet. 3:20-22*

One: As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth.

All: **Thanks be to God for this good news!**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***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 Gen. 7:11-12; Mark 1:12, 14-15*

FIRST READING GENESIS 9:8-17
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

SECOND READING MARK 1:9-15

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN** *As the Deer*

Harmony optional

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.
 3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.
 I love You more than an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y - thing.
 You a - lone are the real joy giv-er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain
 You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

AS THE DEER

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed *page 35 in hymnal*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from Mark 1:15*

Because we believe that in Jesus Christ, God's time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near, we respond in tangible ways.

By doing acts of justice and compassion and sharing our resources, we bear witness to the good news of the gospel. The offering is received in gratitude to God.

OFFERTORY *Lord I Want to Be a Christian* arr. Burt Carlson

***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** *from Ps. 25:9*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 157** *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**
HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning* (refrain only) LORD OF THE DANCE

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Wed., Feb. 21 @ 5:30pm - Share the Love Fellowship Meal

Wed., Feb. 21 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., Feb. 22 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Jon Burlew
Ushers.....Jimmy Salmon & Carol Wade
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon

First Reading—Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Second Reading—Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Mike Stacey; The family of Peggy, Richard Wright’s sister; Jenny Gilmore’s niece, Carrie Abbott; Lynn Cain; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock; Pat Carpenter’s son, Josh White; Barbie Cooper; Don Haney; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Jan.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,915	\$11,985	\$9,915	\$11,985
Non-Pledged	\$4,236	\$3,289	\$4,236	\$3,286

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Marshall Judy
Next Week.....Linda Cook & Sandra Harris

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Troy Jamieson
Ushers.....John & Lynn Cain
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

First Presbyterian Church

February 18th, 2024

The First Sunday in Lent



Xac'atur. Baptism of Christ, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56383> [retrieved February 14, 2024]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/medmss/8614784984>.

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.