

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Taylor Morton	Guest Organist
David Clark	Sound
Becky Meadema	Liturgist
David Swann	Security, side door and offering
Barry Cutright	Greeter

BUDGET UPDATE

	February 29	YTD
Contributions	\$13,359.65	\$49,666.32
Expenditures	\$30,560.07	\$79,242.44
Difference	(\$17,200.42)	(\$29,576.12)

First Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2024

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"I Stand At the Threshold"* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day God has promised: the day of the new covenant.

We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.

No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.

We will reach out to our neighbors, our friends and family, even to strangers.

Our hearts are ready to serve God and all of God's people.

INVOCATION

O God of our Hearts, You yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the covenant of justice, peace and love you have written on our hearts. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HYMN *"God, Reveal Your Presence"* **GTG#412**

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES. FORMS ARE IN THE SANTUARY WINDOWS.

Join us today at 3 p.m. for a service to rededicate our organ to the glory of God.

This service will feature our organist Patricia Taylor, our Chancel and Handbell Choirs, and guest organists Robert Sutter, Kelly Grooms, and Taylor Morton.

Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20—FPC will host the One America Movement panel discussions.

Wednesday, March 20—Wednesday Night Dinner—6 p.m. Our guest speaker is Joyce Wilburn who will discuss Historic Danville.

Saturday, March 23—Men's Bible Study at 8 a.m.

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday Celebratory Service at 11 a.m.

Monday, March 25—The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Gary Tucker.

Tuesday, March 26—The speaker will be Sean Timmons.

Wednesday, March 27—The speaker will be Jude Swanson.

The Monday-Wednesday and Friday services will be held in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow at 12:30p.m. in Overbey Hall.

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday supper and worship service in Overbey Hall at 6 p.m. This service will include communion.

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday service at Noon. The speaker will be Rev. Barbara Cousar.

List of Session members

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024:Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann
Class of 2025:David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford* Class
of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Meadows

MISSION FOCUS

Donald and Martha Wehmeyer

The Antioch Partners Merida, Mexico

Donald and Martha Wehmeyer work with the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico focusing on theological education, church planting, and retreat workshop leadership. Donald pastors a church in Merida. He is also a professor at the San Pablo Theological Seminary and teaches at other seminaries in Mexico.

Our relationship with the Wehmeyers goes back to 1991. The country suffered severe setbacks during the COVID-19 pandemic, closing schools, government agencies and court systems. Additionally, many small businesses closed. People struggled with food insecurity. Churches stepped up to help those in need with food and tutored school children.

Donald has recently written that they are awaiting the birth of another grandchild, and Martha will be away for a month to help out. This month Donald will go for a week to the Misame Presbytery area of Oaxaca, an indigenous community in a very remote area. He asks for our prayers for safe travels on bad roads and for their finances.

As they get older, he says, it seems there are fewer donors. However, they are grateful that the church in Merida is staying steady, and that the Lord has always watched out for them. In 2023 our session approved a \$1000 donation from the Freddie Lamb Fund to help with Donald's teaching and workshop ministries.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, March 24 and 31. This opportunity is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

By supporting three impactful programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, we restore hope, feed the hungry and empower the oppressed.

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through OGHS to share God's love with people experiencing need.

Envelopes are placed in the sanctuary windows. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS on the memo line.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we would see Jesus, we must open our eyes to the ways we have not followed him as disciples. If we want God to create new hearts within us, we must speak of the old ways in which we continue to live. If we seek God's mercy, we must confess all that keeps us from living as God's children. Join me, as we come to the One who will forgive us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Heart which seeks our own: we yearn for your presence in our lives, yet turn away from you time and again. We want to serve others, but become obsessed with our own desires. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet let it be silenced by the noise of our world. Our hearts are clogged with the foolishness of our lives, and often struggle to beat in rhythm with your own.

In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, Steadfast Love. Write *grace* upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people; write *mercy* on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people; write *hospitality* upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came for all people, even us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A new heart, a generous spirit, a fresh start: these are the gifts our God gives to us.

Through Christ, we are cleansed; through Christ, we are healed; through Christ, we become new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

RESPONSE

“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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As you write upon our hearts, soften them with your compassion. As you soften them, open us to the needs of those close to us, as well as those in every corner of your world. As you open us to the hurts and heartaches of your children, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us. Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Adoro te devote"

Charles Callahan

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Martin/Bach

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 5:5-10

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

GTG#286

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hughes/Forrest

BENEDICTION